

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT

INTERIM COMMITTEE

2012 INTERIM STUDIES, REPORTS, AND REVIEWS

REPORTS AND STUDIES REQUIRED BY STATUTE

- **Consumer Electronic Device Recycling**
Subsection 19-6-1203(4)(b) requires the Department of Environmental Quality to ". . .submit annually on or before October 31 . . . [a report on collection, reuse, or recycling systems for consumer electronic devices] to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee . . ."
- **Economic Development Task Force** (2012 General Session, H.B. 28)
The Task Force is required to ". . . present an interim report to the . . . Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee before November 30, 2012."
- **Energy Advisor Report**
Subsection 63M-4-203(1)(b) requires the governor's energy advisor to annually report to the Committee. The report is to, "summarize the status and development of the state's energy resources; address the governor's energy advisor's activities . . . ; and recommend any energy-related executive or legislative action the governor's energy advisor considers beneficial to the state, including updates to the state energy policy under Section 63M-4-301."
- **Energy Producer States' Agreement** (2012 General Session, H.B. 48)
Legislators appointed to study and work with legislative members of other energy producing states for the purpose of developing a proposed energy producer states' agreement are required to produce a report with recommendations regarding an energy producer states' agreement to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee on or before November 30, 2012.
- **Legislative Review of State Energy Policy**
Section 63M-4-302 requires the Committee to, "review the state energy policy annually and propose any changes to the Legislature."
- **Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office Activities and Expenditures**
Section 63J-4-603(1)(i)(ii) requires the Public Lands Policy Coordinator to "report annually, or more often if necessary or requested, concerning the office's activities and expenditures to . . . the . . . Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee . . ."
- **Purchases and Sale of Recycled Paper and Paper Goods**
Subsections 63G-6-406(6) and (14) require the state chief procurement officer to provide a written report to the Committee by November 30 of each year on the quantity of, and costs associated with, paper recycled and purchased by the state, and on money received from the sale of recycled paper.
- **Recycling Market Development Zones**
Subsection 63M-1-1103(7) requires the Department of Community and Economic Development to submit an annual written report to the Committee before November 1 of each year evaluating the effectiveness of the recycling market development zone program and providing recommendations for legislation.

- **Remediation Waste Fees**
Subsection 19-6-118(4)(e) requires the Department of Environmental Quality to *"annually review . . . [remediation waste fees] . . . and make recommendations to the Legislature's Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee concerning the amount of the fee."*
- **R.S. 2477 Plan**
Subsection 63C-4-104(5) requires the Constitutional Defense Council to *"jointly, with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, present a plan [which establishes a broad framework of a proposed working relationship between the state and local government rights under R.S. 2477] approved under this subsection, with any updates to, . . . the . . . Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by July 1, of each calendar year, after providing the R.S. 2477 plan to the committee at least seven days before the presentation . . ."*
- **Transfer of Public Lands Study** (2012 General Session, H.B. 148)
The Constitutional Defense Council is required to report on its study of the transfer of public lands and associated legislation to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee as follows:
 - ▶ preliminary report on its study and on the preparation of legislation on or before the June 2012 meeting and on or before the September 2012 interim meeting; and
 - ▶ final report on its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation on or before the November 2012 interim meeting.
- **Water Rights Study** (2012 General Session, H.B. 2, Item 160)
The Department of Natural Resources is required to study water rights issues and report to the Committee on or before the October 2012 meeting.

2012 SUNSET REVIEWS (Assigned by Legislative Management Committee)

- Section 36-12-20, (Energy Producer States' Agreement) - Repealed June 30, 2013
- Title 58, Chapter 20a, Environmental Health Scientist Act - Repealed July 1, 2013

2012 MASTER STUDY RESOLUTION (Assigned by Legislative Management Committee)

- **Air Quality** - to study and review public and private sector efforts to improve air quality and review and suggest changes to state laws and regulations that could improve air quality (H.B. 70).
- **Boating Speed** - to study whether to restrict the speed of motorboats in certain circumstances (H.B. 329).
- **Changes to a Water Right** - to study the issues contained in S.B. 187, Change Application Procedure, develop recommendations for the state engineer to follow in the processing of change applications, and to study the process and the forum for determining the amount of water available for change applications.
- **Emissions Inventory** - to study and assess, in concert with state agencies, the benefits and costs of a CO2 emissions inventory.
- **Geothermal and Mineral Rights** - to study the relationship between geothermal resource rights and mineral rights (H.B. 330).

- **Graywater** - to study permitted uses of graywater.
- **Groundwater Transfers** - to study Inter-basin groundwater transfers.
- **Impacts of Transition Away From Coal-Fired Power Generation** - to study and evaluate the economic impacts of transitioning away from Utah coal as the primary fuel source for power production and at generating facilities in the state, and evaluate the impact of the loss of federal lease royalties and payments, SITLA leases, and other impacts.
- **Public Lands History** - to study all sources, histories, original documents, and all court or other authoritative cites for President Andrew Jackson's December 4, 1833, statement to the United States Senate, "the price of these lands shall be reduced and graduated, and that after they have been offered for a certain number of years the refuse remaining unsold shall be abandoned to the States and the machinery of our land system entirely withdrawn. It can not be supposed the compacts intended that the United States should retain forever a title to lands within the States which are of no value, and no doubt is entertained that the general interest would be best promoted by surrendering such lands to the 10 States."
- **Sale of Hunting and Fishing Licenses** - to study Section 23-19-9.5 and other provisions of the Wildlife Code that prohibit the division from selling hunting and fishing licenses to certain individuals, and to consider instead an improved database that would allow the division to enforce a penalty against persons who illegally purchase a hunting or fishing license.
- **Trail User Fee Permit** - to study whether to issue trail use permits to non-motorized users of trails.
- **Trust Lands Issues** - to study and receive a report on school and institutional trust lands issues from the Children's Land Alliance.
- **Utah Land and School Trust Funds** - to study the protection of Utah lands and school trust funds (1st Sub. H.B. 209 and amendment #2).
- **Voting Shares Assessments** - to study the assessing of shares of stock by a water company in proportion to the voting rights of the shares.
- **Water Cost Allocation** - to study the proper allocation of water costs to the rate structure charged for water customers (1st Sub. S.B. 78).
- **State Land Management** - to study and receive a report on what lands are in the possession of the state and how the lands are being managed.