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## EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SENATOR LYLE HILLYARD & REPRESENTATIVE MEL BROWN, CO-CHAIRS

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### MEETING SUMMARY - AUGUST 14, 2012

#### Report: Federal/Non-Federal Funds

Staff Contact: Gary Syphus

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2012/pdf/00001073.pdf>

The Executive Appropriations Committee (EAC) recommended approval of the following federal grants:

1. BLM Utah Rich County Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI) Implementation;
2. Capacity Building Assistance for Public Health Immunization Infrastructure: Components 5 and 6; and
3. Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities – Project Rental Assistance Demonstration.

The EAC also approved one non-federal reapplication of an existing grant, Systems Improvement to Promote Permanency and Wellbeing.

#### Report: Performance Notes Implementation

Staff Contact: Stan Eckersley

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2012/pdf/00001074.pdf>

The 2012 General Session marked the first implementation of performance notes. There were 23 bills that required performance notes, and agencies responded to 17 of them. As allowed by the rules, one legislator wrote a performance note for his bill.

This post-session evaluation pointed to five areas that could be improved. The Analyst's first two recommendations are technical and will ensure that performance notes do not slow a bill's progress through the legislative process. The third calls for a "look-back" report to be given in the 2014 interim that reports how the performance measures have affected agencies and legislative debate. The fourth recommendation calls for legislator training early in the next session. Lastly, performance notes will be added to the "Fiscal Note Status Report" and distribution will be extended to all legislators.

The committee voted to have staff open a bill file and work with Sen. Niederhauser and the Chairs on the content and wording.

#### Report: Fiscal Notes/Building Block Follow-up

Staff Contact: Stan Eckersley

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2012/pdf/00001075.pdf>

This annual report follows-up on selected fiscal notes and other budget items. The report tells if the bill was implemented on time and according to legislative intent; if the information from the agency and the fiscal note were accurate; and any performance measures. The report has a

"follow the money" section that starts with the original estimate and goes to current spending level and remaining balance. The report covered 92 items and found 63 deficiencies in 45 items.

#### Report: Internal Service Fund Oversight

Staff Contact: Gary Ricks

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2012/pdf/00001076.pdf>

Internal Service Funds (ISF) are state entities that provide goods or services to other government agencies. Each ISF has a rate committee, which reviews and approves the ISF's budget and rates before they are submitted to the Governor and the Legislature for final approval. An ISF cannot operate without legislative approval of its budget, rates, fees, FTE, and capital outlays. The Analyst surveyed ISF customer agencies to determine their satisfaction with ISF services. With some exceptions, user agencies seem to be satisfied. To improve oversight and the customer experience, the Analyst made the following recommendations:

- Change the composition of the ISFs' rate committees.
- Allow customer agencies a reasonable timeframe to review their ISF invoices and the ability to approve or contest them.
- Ask DTS to seek feedback from the user agencies and improve the clarity and accuracy of the invoices to their customers' satisfaction.

The EAC voted to refer this report to the Government Operations Interim Committee.

#### Report: PEHP Health Insurance Rate Expectations

Staff Contact: Mark Bleazard

Chet Loftis of PEHP reviewed how the state's health insurance premiums will be impacted by the recent Supreme Court case upholding most elements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Mr. Loftis divided the impacts between provisions that are immediate (or already implemented) and provisions that will occur in the future.

Immediate provisions include:

1. Coverage to age 26 regardless of marriage and no preexisting exclusions for children.
2. No lifetime or annual dollar limits.
3. Additional patient protections in the appeals process.
4. No cost sharing for preventive care.

Please see **PEHP** on p. 3.