



INTERIM HIGHLIGHTS

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INTERIM COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Business and Labor

STUDY: Discussed draft legislation "Funeral Services Amendments."

ACTION: See recommended legislation on page 3.

*Chairs: Sen. Dan R. Eastman/Rep. Katherine M. Bryson
Staff: Mary Catherine Perry (analyst)/Thad LeVar (attorney)/Sandra Wissa (secretary)*

Education

STUDY: Reviewed critical issues for Utah's charter schools and discussed draft legislation "Charter School Amendments."

REPORTS:

- Received a report from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on the effectiveness of and funding options for FACT (Families, Agencies, and Communities Together for Children and Youth at Risk).
- Received recommendations from the Enhancement of Public Education Task Force.
- Received a progress report on the charter schools in Utah.

*Chairs: Sen. Howard A. Stephenson/Rep. Marda Dillree
Staff: Connie Steffen (analyst)/Dee Larsen (attorney)/Wendy Bangerter (secretary)*

Government Operations

REPORT: Received a report on the Help America Vote Act of 2002 recently passed by Congress and the potential impact on the election processes of the State.

ACTION: See recommended legislation on page 3.

*Chairs: Sen. John W. Hickman/Rep. Craig W. Butters
Staff: John Cannon (analyst)/John Fellows (attorney)/Cassandra Bauman (secretary)*

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Health and Human Services

REPORTS:

- Received a recommendation from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst that FACT be continued but not as a separately funded program.
- Received reports from the Funding of State and County Health and Human Services Task Force, the Access to Health Care and Coverage Task Force, the Involuntary Commitment of the Mentally Ill Task Force, and the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel.

ACTION: See recommended legislation on page 3.

*Chairs: Sen. Terry R. Spencer/Rep. Carl R. Saunders
Staff: Mark Andrews (analyst)/Catherine Dupont & Stacey Snyder (attorneys)/Alicia Laughlin (secretary)*

Judiciary

REPORTS:

- Received a report from FOCUS on the benefits of providing children of divorce equal access to both parents.
- Received a report from the Real Property Ombudsman on whether government entities should be subject to different legal standards when exercising powers of eminent domain.
- Received a report from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on the audit of the Judicial Conduct Commission.

ACTION: See recommended legislation on page 3.

*Chairs: Sen. David L. Gladwell/Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Staff: Jerry Howe (analyst)/Esther Chelsea-McCarty (attorney)/Glenda Whitney (secretary)*

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

STUDY: Discussed draft legislation "Background Investigations of Peace Officer Candidates."

REPORTS:

- Received two statutorily required reports from the Utah 911 Committee and the State Emergency Medical Services Committee.
- Received an update from the Sentencing Commission regarding the development of a DUI Best Sentencing Practices Manual for judges.

ACTION: See recommended legislation on page 3.

*Chairs: Sen. D. Chris Butters/Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman
Staff: Chyleen Arbon (analyst)/Susan Creager Allred (attorney)/Alicia Laughlin (secretary)*

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

ACTIONS:

- See recommended legislation on page 3.
- Accepted a report from the Gubernatorial and Legislative Task Force on Alternative Revenue Sources for Water Funding and recommended that the current 1/16% sales and use tax diversion be continued.
- Recommended a 5-year extension of the sunset date for the State Water Development Commission.
- Directed the committee chairs to send a letter to the Governor, encouraging the renewal of a memorandum of understanding between the state and federal agencies involved in the designation of wild and scenic rivers.

*Chairs: Sen. Parley G. Hellewell/Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
Staff: Brian Allred (analyst)/Jeanenne Larson (attorney)/Joy Miller (secretary)*

Political Subdivisions

STUDIES:

- Discussed municipal annexation as it relates to the expansion of EMS and ambulance services to annexed areas.
- Received an update on the coordinated development of land use plans protecting watersheds within the State.
- Discussed allowing more detailed criminal background checks for employees of water districts.
- Discussed the Private Property Ombudsman's proposed changes to eminent domain statutes.

REPORT: Received the Quality Growth Commission's report regarding quality growth activities and accomplishments.

ACTIONS:

- See recommended legislation on page 3.
- Recommended that the Special Districts Subcommittee be recreated next interim to continue the rewrite of Title 17A.

*Chairs: Sen. Carlene M. Walker/Rep. David L. Hogue
Staff: Joseph Wade (analyst)/Robert Rees (attorney)/Joy Miller (secretary)*

Public Utilities and Technology

REPORTS:

- Received a report from the Energy Policy Task Force and the Competition In Telecommunications Industry Task Force.
- Received the Annual Technology Report by the Chief Information Officer regarding the existing and proposed uses of state information technology resources.
- Received the annual Status of Telecommunications Industry from the Public Service Commission.
- Received a report regarding Impediments to Non-Utility Energy Providers from the Public Service Commission. The report identifies a number of impediments, including cost recovery, and recommends the creation of a state power coordinator and new tariff schedules.

ACTION: See recommended legislation on page 3.

*Chairs: Sen. Leonard M. Blackham/Rep. John E. Swallow
Staff: Richard North (analyst)/Patricia Owen (attorney)/Jennifer Markham (secretary)*

Revenue and Taxation

STUDY: Discussed a proposal to provide for subtraction from federal taxable income for certain net capital gains that are invested in qualifying stock issued by a Utah small business corporation.

REPORTS:

- Received a report from the Utah Tax Review Commission regarding its studies of property taxes and financing water development, the tax exempt status of IHC Hospitals, and the Streamlined Sales Tax Project.
- Received reports from the Utah State Tax Commission regarding the dollar amount of contributions made to various individual income tax checkoff programs and the amount claimed as exemptions to the sales and use tax for semiconductor manufacturing processes.
- Received a report from the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Utah State Tax Commission on proposed revisions to the Resort Community Sales and Use Tax.

ACTION: See recommended legislation on page 3.

*Chairs: Sen. Curtis S. Bramble/Rep. Wayne A. Harper
Staff: Bryant Howe (analyst)/Rebecca Rockwell (attorney)/Sandra Wissa (secretary)*

Transportation

STUDY: Discussed draft legislation "Driver Education Courses."

REPORT: Received a report from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on the audit of the Collection of Transportation Related Revenue.

ACTIONS:

- See recommended legislation on page 3.
- Requested that the Legislative Audit Subcommittee prioritize additional auditing of the collection costs of transportation-related revenue and to send a letter to the Executive Appropriations Committee to address the audit finding regarding the restoration of a \$4 million short-fall in the next fiscal year to fund the Tax Commission.

*Chairs: Sen. David H. Steele/Rep. Joseph G. Murray
Staff: Benjamin Christensen (analyst)/Gay Taylor (attorney)/Shannon Halverson (committee staff)
Wendy Bangertner (secretary)*

Workforce Services

STUDY: The Committee discussed draft legislation for a contingent tax credit for venture capital funds. The Committee agreed to have an existing work group continue working on the bill in December and January.

REPORT: The Committee received a report on long-term welfare recipients from the Social Research Institute.

ACTION: See recommended legislation on page 3.

*Chairs: Sen. Beverly Evans/Rep. Richard M. Siddoway
Staff: Jami Momberger (analyst)/Jim Wilson (attorney)/Jennifer Markham (secretary)*

RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION

Bills recommended during the 2002 interim

Business and Labor Committee

- ▶ Preeed Funeral Arrangement Amendments*
- ▶ Retailer Requirements in Printing Financial Transaction Card Receipts*
- ▶ Utah Optometry Practice Act Amendments*
- ▶ Vehicle History Information*
- ▶ Viatical Settlements*

Government Operations Committee

- ▶ Budget Reserve Account Amendments*
- ▶ Equal Employment Opportunity - Technical Changes
- ▶ Governor's Office of Planning and Budget Recodification and Revisions
- ▶ Initiative Amendments*
- ▶ State Armory Board Amendments
- ▶ State Building Ownership Authority Recodification and Revision*
- ▶ State General Obligation Bond Act

Health and Human Services Committee

- ▶ Accessible Housing for Person With a Disability*
- ▶ Amendments to Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel and Open and Public Meetings Act*
- ▶ Commitment and Custody of Adults and Minors Amendments*
- ▶ Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Amendments
- ▶ Consolidation of Child Welfare Oversight Reports*
- ▶ Eliminate Spend Down Provisions for Medicaid*
- ▶ Involuntary Commitment Amendments*
- ▶ Legislative Budgeting for COLA for Local Health Authorities*
- ▶ Local Human Services Authorities Amendments*
- ▶ Prohibition of Coercive Restraint Therapy*
- ▶ Reauthorization of Funding of State and County Health and Human Services Task Force*
- ▶ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Amendments*

Judiciary Committee

- ▶ Competency to Stand Trial Amendments
- ▶ Parent-Time Amendments
- ▶ Sentencing in Capital Cases Amendments
- ▶ Shared Parenting by Divorced Parents*

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee

- ▶ DUI Plea Restrictions*
- ▶ Property Forfeiture Amendments*

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee

- ▶ Agricultural Products Dealer's Act Amendments*
- ▶ Dealers in Agricultural Products*
- ▶ Water User Notification Amendments

Political Subdivisions Committee

- ▶ Extension of Timing for Creating a Local District*
- ▶ Hazardous Waste Facilities Management Amendments*
- ▶ Lieutenant Governor Certification of Special District and Local District Annexations, Withdrawals, and Dissolutions*
- ▶ Public Airport and Aeronautics Amendments*
- ▶ Public Transit Districts Annexation Amendments*

Public Utilities and Technology Committee

- ▶ Amendments to the Interlocal Cooperation Act*
- ▶ Energy Data Collection and Reporting
- ▶ Protection of Nonpublic Personal Information*

Revenue and Taxation Committee

- ▶ Fees and Taxes on Oil and Gas*
- ▶ Oil and Gas Severance Tax Amendments*
- ▶ Property Tax Relief*
- ▶ Sales and Use Tax - Exemption for Semiconductor Fabricating or Processing Materials*

Quasi-Governmental Entities Committee

- ▶ House Rules Resolution - Standing Committee Revision
- ▶ Joint Resolution - Rules Revisions Renaming an Appropriations Subcommittee
- ▶ Retirement and Independent Entities Committee Amendments
- ▶ Senate Rules Resolution - Standing Committee Revisions

Transportation Committee

- ▶ Automobile Homicide Amendments*
- ▶ Clean Special Fuel Tax Certificate Amendments*
- ▶ Clean Special Fuel Tax Certificate - Exemption
- ▶ Honorary Consulate Special Group License Plates*
- ▶ Master State Highways Amendments*
- ▶ Seat Belt Enforcement Provisions
- ▶ Special Group License Plate Revisions
- ▶ Transportation Corridor Preservation Amendments*
- ▶ Vehicle Impound Fee For Driving Under the Influence Cases*

Workforce Services and Community and Economic

Development Committee

- ▶ Child Care Amendments
- ▶ Employment Security Act Modifications
- ▶ Industrial Assistance Fund Amendments*
- ▶ Tourism Promotion Programs*
- ▶ Workforce Services Amendments
- ▶ Workforce Services Overpayment Amendments*

Access to Health Care and Coverage Task Force

- ▶ Eliminate Spend Down Provision for Medicaid

Agricultural Sustainability Task Force

- ▶ Agricultural Products Dealer's Act Amendments
- ▶ Dealers in Agricultural Products

Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel

- ▶ Amendments to Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel and Open and Public Meetings
- ▶ Consolidation of Child Welfare Reports
- ▶ Prohibition of Coercive Restraint Therapy

Enhancement of Public Education Task Force

- ▶ Repeal of Education Reports and Duties

Funding of State and County Health and Human Services Task Force

- ▶ Commitment and Custody of Adults and Minors Amendments
- ▶ Local Human Services Authorities Amendments
- ▶ Reauthorization of Funding of State and County Health and Human Services Task Force
- ▶ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Amendments

Involuntary Commitment of the Mentally Ill Task Force

- ▶ Involuntary Commitment Amendments

Legislative Management Committee

- ▶ Resolution Reappointing General Counsel
- ▶ Resolution Urging Reworking of Census Data Collection Procedures*
- ▶ Responsibilities of Legislative General Counsel
- ▶ Sunset Act Reauthorizations*

Tax Review Commission

- ▶ Fees and Taxes on Oil and Gas
- ▶ Oil and Gas Severance Tax Amendments

*Bills recommended at the November meeting

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ACTIONS:

- Approved a policy regarding the posting of information on the Legislature's website. The policy requires in part that legislators may have information posted to the website only "with the prior approval of 2/3 of the Legislative Management Committee."
- Approved a Terms of Use and a Privacy Policy for the legislative website.
- Approved the placement of the APPLE Initiative on the legislative website.
- Approved referring a letter received from the Funding of State and County Health and Human Services Task Force to the new chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee for their action.
- Approved a two-day New Legislator Orientation for December 2, 2002 and January 9, 2003.
- Approved a request by the Utah State Bar Association to provide a presentation on the Utah Constitution and the U.S. Constitution to new legislators during New Legislator Orientation.
- Approved a resolution to be sent to the U.S. Census Bureau, and others, entitled "Resolution Urging Reworking of Census Data Collection Procedures." The purpose of the resolution is to ask the Census Bureau to "review its census data collection procedures and make corrections for the 2010 census, including the census questionnaire, and to allow for the collection of data that recognizes the temporary nature of missionary service and permits those individuals out of the country for that purpose to be included in the calculation of state populations."
- Approved changing the date for the next Executive Appropriations Committee meeting from December 19 to December 18 at 8:00 a.m.
- Recommended draft legislation "Sunset Act Reauthorizations" which would include the reauthorization of statutes approved by the interim committees which were assigned to review the acts at the beginning of the interim.
- At the request of the Government Operations Committee, authorized the creation of a subcommittee to study the statewide initiative process.

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