

Master Study Resolution

By Proposed Interim Committee Assignment
(OLRGC - - April 7, 2014)

Executive Appropriations

1. General Assistance Funding - to study changing the current reimbursement of general assistance to the General Fund to its own account **(Robles)**.

Business and Labor

3. Age Eligibility for Mixed Martial Arts - to study whether to allow the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission to make rules to allow mixed martial arts competition for youth between ages 16-17 **(Oda)**.

4. Alcohol Service - to study the regulation of alcohol service in restaurants (H.B. 285)**(Powell)**.

5. Application of Antidiscrimination Act - to study applying Title 34A, Chapter 5, Utah Antidiscrimination Act, to nonprofit organizations **(Robles)**.

6. Community Associations - to study changes to the Condominium Ownership Act and the Community Association Act relating to fines and reserve accounts (H.B. 172)**(Froerer)**.

7. Deferred Deposit Lending - to study amendments to the Check Cashing and Deferred Deposit Lending Registration Act to address deferred deposit loans (H.B. 47)**(Wiley)**.

8. Dramshop Coverage - to study whether to modify the amount of dramshop coverage a retail licensee is required to carry (H.B. 312 and 1st Sub. H.B. 312)**(Oda, Snow, and Senate Business and Labor Standing Committee)**.

10. Healthy Workplace - to study and address abusive workplace environments **(Edwards)**.

11. Insurance Contracts - to study discretionary language in insurance contracts **(Anderegg)**.

12. Insurance Regulation - to study and review the regulation of insurance (H.B. 76) **(Bird and House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Standing Committee)**.

13. Living Wage - to study increasing the minimum wage (H.B. 73)**(Hemingway and House Health and Human Services Standing Committee)**.

14. Manufacturing Licensees - to study issues related to alcoholic beverage manufacturing licensees (H.B. 352)**(Froerer)**.

15. New Automobile Franchise Act - to study state regulation of new automobile dealership placement (H.B. 54)**(Bird, Cunningham, and Hughes)**.

16. Nonprofit Organizations - to study standards in receiving tax funds, whether nonprofit organizations are fulfilling their purposes efficiently, and what percentage of the funds they receive are used toward fulfilling their purposes **(Van Tassell)**.

17. Prudent Banking - to study a resolution urging Congress to pass H.R. 129, the Return to Prudent Banking Act of 2013 **(Robles)**.
18. Title and Escrow - to study legislation related to title and escrow issues **(Bramble)**.
19. Uniform Building Code Commission - to study the repeal of the Uniform Building Code Commission **(Wiley)**.
20. Workplace Discrimination - to study workplace discrimination, including the higher education grievance procedure (H.B. 359)**(Wheatley and House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Standing Committee)**.
107. Bail Bond Agents - to study whether bail bond agents should be under the Department of Insurance or the Bureau of Criminal Identification. Also review licensing surety collateralization when a bond is processed, when and how a penalty is paid, and other issues related to the industry **(Oda)**.
173. Construction and Fire Codes - to study whether to allow a county legislative body of a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class to modify the State Fire Code Act and the State Construction Code within the unincorporated areas of the counties if certain conditions are met (H.B. 328)**(Noel, Wiley, and House Business and Labor Standing Committee)**.
239. To study how to effectively and fairly control workers' compensation system medical costs including the cost of hospital care and treatment and prescription drugs **(Bramble)**.
240. Title and escrow insurance related amendments **(Bramble)**.
244. H.B. 263 - Use of Business Names **(Nielson)**.

Education

21. "Ghost" Student Enrolling - to study "ghost" student enrolling, recruitment, and funding between private companies and local education agencies **(Henderson)**.
22. Charter School Enrollment Capacity - to study proposals regarding an "at enrollment capacity" charter school using or borrowing the unused enrollment capacity of another charter school **(Greene)**.
23. Competency-Based Education - to study issues related to competency-based education **(Stephenson)**.
24. Competency-Based Education Model - to study how to implement an educational approach in which students only advance upon mastery of subject matter **(Osmond)**.
25. Competency-Based Funding - to study issues related to competency-based funding for higher education **(Stephenson)**.
27. Education Best Practices - to study and determine the value of establishing an education innovation research and development effort in partnership with the private business sector **(Nielson)**.
28. Education Funding - to study long-term funding options for public education **(Jones)**.
29. Effective Principals and Teachers - to study what makes a principal and a teacher effective **(Reid)**.

30. Equalizing Capital Expenditures for School Buildings - to study the disparity for equalization of capital expenditures for school buildings and maintenance and methods for equalizing capital expenditures for school buildings **(Ivory)**.

31. Guidance Counseling - to study the use of online tools to improve the work of high school guidance counselors **(Stephenson)**.

32. Guidance Counselor Independence - to study requiring guidance counselors to be independent from Local Education Agencies **(Stephenson)**.

33. Licensed Private Childcare and Prekindergarten Providers vs. Unlicensed Government Contracted Providers - to study what is happening in the marketplace when unlicensed providers are contracting with government entities to provide day care or prekindergarten services, such as Local Education Agencies and districts, that unfairly compete with licensed private providers **(Osmond)**.

34. Limited English Proficiency - to study how to provide assistance to English Learning Students with limited English proficiency **(Briscoe)**.

35. Low-Performing Schools - to study incentives for low-performing schools **(Stephenson)**.

36. Moving from STEM to STEAM - to study adding the arts to Utah's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math initiative (STEM) and funding, and review what it would take to centralize all Utah arts funding under the leadership of the STEM effort and move to a STEAM effort **(Osmond)**.

38. Objectivity in Delivering Scientific Content in Schools - to study ways to ensure objectivity in delivering scientific content and encouraging student inquiry in public schools. The teaching of biological evolution, the chemical origins of life, global warming, and human cloning can cause controversy. These topics need to be addressed as such in schools, instead of as "fact" **(Dayton)**.

39. Parent Trigger Law - to study allowing parents to petition to change the management of a low-performing school **(Stephenson)**.

40. Parental Leave for School Activities - to study issues related to employers granting parental leave to attend certain school activities (H.C.R. 6)**(Poulson)**.

41. Public Education - to study issues related to public education funding **(Reid and Gibson)**.

42. Public Education Funding Needs - to study the funding needs of public education (H.B. 403)**(Briscoe)**.

43. Public School Counselors - to study the adequacy of current funding for public school counselors **(Arent)**.

44. Quality Teaching Block Grant Funding - to study the reinstatement of professional development quality teaching block grant funding **(Jones)**.

45. Strategic Education Plan - to study a research-based strategic education plan **(Stephenson)**.

46. Student Fee Use - to study the use of student fees for political purposes **(Stephenson)**.

47. Student Privacy - to study issues related to the release of public school student information (H.B. 169)**(House Education Standing Committee)**.

48. Sustainable Education Funding Model - to study how to get to prerecession levels in education funding and a sustainable model for funding public education (**Jones**).
49. Teacher Colleges - to study standards for teacher colleges (**Stephenson**).
50. Technology in Schools - to study the use of technology in schools and the benefits and drawbacks, including a cost benefit analysis (**Jones**).

Economic Development and Workforce Services

51. Film Incentives - to study whether to expand the eligibility of film-related industry work for tax incentives (H.B. 204)(**Gibson**).
52. Housing Loan Fund - to study funding for the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund and low-income housing (**Briscoe**).
53. Local Economic Development - to study the creation of a local economic development tax incentive through the use of an interlocal agreement (H.B. 167)(**Snow**).
54. Tourism - to study tourism opportunities and constraints (**Wilson**).

Government Operations

55. Absentee Ballot - to study provisions related to voting by absentee ballot (H.B. 252)(**Bird**).
56. Ballots on Social Media - to study whether to post ballots on social media (**Knotwell**).
57. Campaign Financing - to study revisions to campaign finance laws (**King**).
58. Capital Lease Programs - to study the effectiveness of current state capital lease programs and oversight (**Christofferson**).
59. Career Service Review Board Hearing Process - to study rules and procedures for holding Career Service Review Board hearings (**Weiler**).
60. Costs of Records Under GRAMA - to study when costs for records under the Government Records Access and Management Act should be waived (**King**).
61. Disclosure Filings - to study the timing of disclosure filings. During municipal election years, political issues committees, political action committees, and corporations are required to file a report by August 31. Would it make more sense for these groups to file the disclosures before the municipal primary earlier in August? (**Draxler**)
62. Election Clean Up - to study and review the annual list of technical clean up items in the Election Code (**Draxler**).
63. Election Complaint Review - to study whether to create a Utah Elections Board to review and take certain actions on election complaints (H.B. 144)(**House Government Operations Standing Committee**).
64. Election Day Voter Registration - to study implementing an election day voter registration pilot project to test the advisability of implementing election day voter registration in Utah (H.B. 156)(**Chavez-Houck**).

65. Elections and Campaign Reform - to study any additional recommendations for elections and campaign reform resulting from the House Investigative Committee Report **(Chavez-Houck)**.

66. Electors for Presidential Elections - to study revisions to laws governing electors for presidential elections **(King)**.

68. Federal Shutdown - to study the procedures for a federal government shutdown **(Jerry Anderson)**.

69. Government Employment - to study changes to current law governing merit-based government employment **(King)**.

70. Government Meetings Search Engine - to study requiring a one-stop search engine for state, and perhaps local, government meetings **(Stephenson)**.

71. Grants and Contracting Procedures - to study streamlining grants and contracting procedures to create an opportunity for state entities and nonprofit organizations to discuss contracting challenges and develop win-win solutions **(Robles)**.

72. Initiative and Referendum Sponsors - to study whether sponsors of an initiative or a referendum should be able to rescind an application or stop a ballot measure once it is in progress or once it has qualified for the ballot **(Draxler)**.

73. Lobbyist Definition - to study issues related to the definition of a lobbyist. For example, when an expert accompanies a registered lobbyist in communicating with public officials, should that individual be exempt from registering as a lobbyist? **(Draxler)**

74. Lobbyist Disclosure Laws - to study whether local disclosure laws should be elaborated to match the Utah Code. Many municipal and county disclosure laws lack definitions and guidance that exist at the state level **(Draxler)**.

75. Lobbyist Registration - to study exemptions to lobbyist registration and mandatory online training **(McKell)**.

76. Municipal Initiatives - to study issues related to municipal initiatives. For example, the state may reject an initiative application if the proposed law is nonsensical or unconstitutional. Should cities and counties have the same ability? **(Draxler)**

77. Nonbinding Opinion Questions - to study the submission of nonbinding opinion questions to the voters **(Stephenson)**.

78. Online Signing of Initiative and Referenda Petitions - to study the process to implement the lieutenant governor's recommendations related to allowing voters to sign initiatives and referenda petitions online **(Chavez-Houck)**.

80. Public Buildings - to study an alternative method for funding the construction, operation, and maintenance of public buildings through private capital investments. Look at the benefits and possible obstacles of transferring the risk involved in financing and constructing buildings to accommodate growth **(Christofferson)**.

81. Public Money in Campaigns - to study public money used for campaign purposes **(Knotwell)**.

82. Recall Elections - to study whether to add to the Elections Code, subject to passage of an enabling amendment to the Utah Constitution, provisions for the recall of the governor, the state auditor, the state treasurer, or the attorney general (H.B. 63)**(Froerer)**.

83. Signature Gathering - to study issues related to signature gatherers. For example, a person who verifies signatures on a petition cannot also sign the signature packet. If the person does, should only the signature be disqualified or should the entire packet be rejected? Should signature gatherers be Utah residents? **(Draxler)**

84. State Board of Elections - to study the pros and cons of establishing a State Board of Elections (H.B. 144)**(Chavez-Houck)**.

85. State Employee Leave Programs - to study issues related to employee leave programs, including the creation of the State Employees' Annual Leave Program II Trust Fund Act (S.B. 269)**(Bramble, Henderson, and Senate Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee)**.

180. Voter Accountability - to study providing municipal retention elections (H.B. 413)**(House Political Subdivisions Standing Committee)**.

Health and Human Services

9. Healthcare Practice Acts - to study the uniformity of practice acts of health care professionals licensed, certified, or registered by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing **(Hutchings)**.

89. Access to Investigational Medications, Products, and Devices - to study providing terminally ill patients with access to investigational drugs, biological products, and devices that have completed at least phase I clinical trials **(Greene)**.

90. Accountable Care Organizations - to study the effectiveness of accountable care organizations in reducing healthcare costs for Medicaid, whether this model works, and whether it is better than fee-for-service **(Redd)**.

91. Aging and Adult Services - to study issues related to vulnerable adults (1st Sub. H.B. 267)**(Chavez-Houck)**.

92. Assisted Living Facilities - to study whether assisted living facilities are meeting their residents' needs, whether administrative rule or legislation is required to establish a ratio of certified nurse assistants to residents, and whether the Bureau of Health Facility Licensing is effective in regulating the facilities **(Barrus)**.

93. Caregiving - to study the impact of demographic changes on the services provided to seniors, the state's response, and support for caregivers (H.J.R. 14)**(Chavez-Houck)**.

94. Child Welfare System and Children and Family Issues - to study the current status and budget practices of the state child welfare system, performance audits, fundamental liberty interests of parents and children, and family preservation policies and outcomes **(L. Christensen)**.

95. Community Health Worker - to study the certification of individuals who meet certain criteria as a certified community health worker (S.B. 66)**(Robles)**.

96. Foster Families - to study issues related to foster and foster-adoptive families **(Robles)**.

97. Health care for the "Medically Frail" - to study how "medically frail" individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid or any state or federal assistance receive and pay for health care, who these individuals are, what medical conditions they have, and their health outcomes **(Redd)**.

98. Medicaid Client Costs - to study the small percentage of Medicaid clients who account for 50% of Medicaid expenditures, to identify these clients' problems, and to determine how to better address their needs and reduce costs **(Redd)**.

99. Medicaid Waiver - to study the Katie Beckett Medicaid Waiver, including what Idaho did, what it would look like in Utah, what it would cost, and how many families would be helped **(Redd)**.

100. Medical Language Interpreter Act - to study and review improvements or necessary updates to the Medical Language Interpreter Act **(Chavez-Houck)**.

101. Mental Illness Funding - to study how mental illness is currently funded under Medicaid, whether this method works, and whether it needs to be changed **(Redd)**.

102. Reducing Medicaid, Mental Health, and Pharmaceutical Costs - to study strategies to reduce Medicaid, mental health, and pharmaceutical costs, including preferred drug lists vs. other strategies, such as direct feedback to providers about costs of prescriptions **(Redd)**.

103. Rights of Children Conceived Through Artificial Insemination - to study whether the state should regulate fertility clinics, set up a registry for donors and children conceived through artificial insemination, require clinics to screen donors, establish guidelines, etc. **(Pitcher)**

104. Vending Services by the Blind - to study vending services operated by blind persons and whether to grant the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired the authority to establish a vending stand or food services for operation by blind persons **(Greenwood)**.

118. Electronic Cigarettes - to study the regulation of electronic cigarettes (H.B. 112)**(Senate Business and Labor Standing Committee)**.

124. Nurse Practitioner Prescribing Authority - to study whether to allow an advanced practice registered nurse to prescribe a schedule II or a schedule III controlled substance without mandatory physician consultation **(Ray)**.

130. Tobacco Use by Minors - to study the age limit corresponding with tobacco and related products (S.B. 12)**(Powell)**.

247. Utah Health Safety Net and coverage **(Barlow)**.

248. Medicaid entitlement fraud/super-utilizers **(Barlow)**.

Judiciary

67. Expungement of Administrative Disciplinary Action - to study whether to provide for the expungement of agency records related to an agency licensee under certain circumstances (H.B. 124)(**Greene and Hutchings**).

106. Asset Protection Trusts - to study what, if any, is the public policy justification for asset protection trusts (H.B. 162)(**Tanner**).

108. Civil Rights Restoration - to study all nonviolent felonies to determine when a person may become eligible for various civil rights to be restored (**Oda**).

109. Collateral Consequences of Conviction - to study the enactment of a uniform law providing procedures for identifying collateral consequences of convictions for criminal offenses (**Hillyard**).

110. Counsel for Defendants - to study indigent counsel for criminal defendants (**Weiler**).

111. Court Rulings on Polygamy - to study recent court rulings related to polygamy and impact of those rulings on state statute (**Seelig and Grover**).

113. Cyber Bullying - to study increased penalties for intentionally or knowingly using the Internet, a cell phone, or other devices to hurt or threaten an individual and endanger the individual's health or safety (**Cosgrove**).

114. Determining Imputed Income - to study whether courts should consider whether a parent was a stay-at-home parent when determining imputed income (H.B. 348)(**Stratton and House Judiciary Standing Committee**).

115. Divorced Fathers - to study the rights of divorced fathers (**Mayne**).

116. Domestic Asset Protection Trust - to study changes to current domestic asset protection trust law, including provisions regarding real property transferred to the trust, clarifying a settlor-trustee's role in determining discretionary distributions, and clarifying claims for relief for fraudulent transfers (1st Sub. H.B. 208)(**Snow**).

117. E-Warrants - to study the current e-warrant system, including the process, templates, and future plans (**Roberts**).

119. Family Expenses - to study the conditions of contracts or agreements between a husband and a wife related to family expenses (H.B. 179)(**House Business and Labor Standing Committee**).

122. Implementing Putative Father Registry Compact - to study and develop legislation to amend Utah adoption law to implement the Compact for Interstate Sharing of Putative Father Registry Information (S.B. 63)(**Robles**).

123. Litigation Transparency - to study whether to require that a person that sues the state or a political subdivision disclose the person's source of funding (H.B. 407)(**Anderegg and House Judiciary Standing Committee**).

125. Process Serving - to study and review the structure, duties, and authority of constables, private investigators, special function officers, and process servers to delineate requirements for each category, and to determine what process serving can be done and by whom. Also establish demarcations and identification (**Oda**).

126. Protecting Wives and Children in Polygamy - to study ways to protect families, specifically wives and children, in polygamous relationships (**Jerry Anderson**).

127. Rape Kit Processing - to study establishing additional rights for victims of a sexual offense (1st Sub. H.B. 157)(**Seelig**).

128. Religious Freedom Issues - to study religious freedom for students, businesses, and churches (**Weiler**).

129. Safety Belt Use - to study whether safety belt use should be considered contributory or comparative negligence in civil cases where a person is seeking recovery for injuries, or whether a primary seatbelt law should be enacted (H.B. 305)(**Perry and House Law Enforcement Standing Committee**).

132. Weapons Restrictions - to study weapons restrictions on veterans who have post-traumatic stress disorder but have not gone through a formal commitment hearing, when they are "listed" as mentally defective according to the opinion of a United States Department of Veterans Affairs doctor without having gone through due process (**Redd and Oda**).

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

112. Criminal Justice System Review - to study and comprehensively review the criminal justice system, including arrest, prosecution and defense, sentencing, incarceration, and postincarceration rehabilitation and recidivism (**Layton**).

131. Vehicle Accident Penalties - to study enhanced penalties for injuries or deaths in vehicle accidents with pedestrians and bicyclists (**Chavez-Houck**).

133. Allowable Charges - to study whether to make adjustments to the allowable charges assessed by private automobile booting companies (**Redd**).

134. Correctional Procurement - to study the process by which goods and services are procured through Utah Correctional Industries, including whether approval from the director of Utah Correctional Industries should continue to be required when determining that it is not feasible for a procurement unit to buy a procurement item from Utah Correctional Industries (H.B. 343)(**House Law Enforcement Standing Committee**).

135. Corrections Construction Industry - to study ways to strengthen the corrections construction industry to help inmates succeed (**Thatcher**).

136. Insurance for Fallen Officers' Families - to study providing an additional insurance benefit, a \$1 million policy, for the surviving spouse and dependent children of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty (**Thatcher**).

137. Key Access to Address Fire Safety - to study a private business requirement to have Knox Boxes key access for fire safety access and the possibility that keys to Knox Boxes are not properly accounted for, enabling inappropriate access to private businesses (**Kennedy**).

138. Mental Illness in County Jails - to study the treatment of mental illness in county jails, including how to improve outcome, reduce costs, and address forced medication hearings and guidelines for treatment of substance abuse in jails (**Redd**).

139. Protection for Police - to study and evaluate the use of bulletproof glass on police cars and consider other less expensive alternatives (**McKell**).

140. Stolen Property Database - to study establishing a state database for stolen property to enhance the process for identifying stolen items and facilitating their return to their lawful owners. Also require recyclers to check the database before purchasing. Contractors and farmers need more protection from thieves who steal and sell to recyclers **(Nelson)**.

141. Transferring Strike Force - to study whether to transfer from the Office of the Attorney General to the Department of Public Safety the management of the multiagency strike force created to combat violent and other major felony crimes associated with illegal immigration and human trafficking and to investigate fraudulent document crimes (H.B. 100)**(House Law Enforcement Standing Committee)**.

242. Whether sufficient due process protection is provided a police officer involved in a critical incident **(Adams, Dee, and Henderson)**.

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

79. Privatizing State Golf Courses - to study and work with the Division of Parks and Recreation to finalize the Request for Information (RFI) process and continue with the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposals (RFP) processes in order to get the best value for operating and maintaining state golf courses (H.B. 145)**(Christofferson)**.

105. Asbestos Settlement - to study issues related to asbestos settlements **(Barlow)**.

142. Agriculture Protection Act Appeals - to study whether the Agriculture Protection Act should have any appeals process **(Perry)**.

143. Air - to study issues related to the definition of "air" **(Jerry Anderson)**.

144. Air Emissions - to study whether to authorize the Air Quality Board to establish rules requiring the Division of Air Quality to evaluate air pollution controls at a facility and authorizing the Division of Air Quality to require the implementation of additional air pollution controls at a facility under certain circumstances (H.B. 180)**(Duckworth)**.

145. Canal Safety Act - to study ways to assess the risks associated with canals and efforts to remediate those risks (S.B. 114 and H.B. 370)**(Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee)**.

146. Clean Air Fund Utilization - to study the utilization and effectiveness of current clean air funds administered by the Division of Air Quality **(Arent)**.

147. Clean Coal Power Plants - to study ways to support clean coal power plants **(Jerry Anderson)**.

148. Conversion of Homes to Cleaner Fuels - to study the impact of programs subsidizing conversions of homes with wood as their sole source of heat -- and listed on the "sole source" list in nonattainment areas -- to natural gas and other cleaner fuels **(Arent)**.

149. Costs of Federal Actions Regarding State Trust Lands - to study the full costs and impacts to the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) and to the trust as result of federal actions that amount to de facto takings of SITLA lands (monuments, species designation, wilderness, de facto wilderness, air quality, RS 2477, etc.)**(Ivory)**.

150. Definition of "Air Contaminant" - to study whether to change the definition of "air contaminant" to clarify that natural components of the atmosphere do not constitute a

contaminant (H.B. 229)(**House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Standing Committee**).

151. Disposition of Sovereign Lands Management Account Funds - to study whether to require that funds from the Sovereign Lands Management Account only be expended to manage and benefit sovereign lands and state lands (H.B. 421)(**McKell and House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Standing Committee**).

152. Environmental Policy Act - to study the creation of a State Environmental Policy Act, which states already have this act, do they work, and whether Utah needs something similar in view of potential acquisition of public federal lands (**Handy**).

153. Euthanasia Standards - to study and identify which animal shelters use compressed carbon monoxide and which use euthanasia by injection, and examine how much it costs to use each method. Also, address whether the state has a euthanasia policy (**Romero**).

155. Legislative Discussions on Labeling Genetically Modified Foods - to study whether to appoint legislative members to participate in multistate discussions involving agreements to label genetically modified food (H.B. 205)(**Greene and House Business and Labor Standing Committee**).

156. Liability Related to Private Sales of Raw Milk - to study private sales of raw milk between a dairy owner and a private individual, and holding the state and health care plans harmless via written contracts and insurance riders (**Redd**).

157. Medical Waste Incineration - to study and conduct an analysis of the best available control technology for pathologic, carcinogenic, and chemotherapeutic medical waste streams (**Edwards**).

159. Payments In Lieu of Taxes - to study the consequences and costs, including opportunity costs, associated with the uncertainty created by Congress's failure or refusal to fully fund Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) on a permanent and mandatory basis (**Ivory**).

160. Pesticides - to study changes to current laws governing pesticides (**King**).

161. Reducing Air Pollution - to study methods to reduce air pollution in nonattainment areas (**Arent**).

162. Risks of Forest Overgrowth - to study the risk to air quality, watersheds, wildlife, habitat, and persons and property from disease-ridden, pest-infested, overgrown forests in the state (**Ivory**).

163. State Parks - to study and assess the conditions of state parks and whether funding and fees are adequate (**Jenkins**).

164. State Regulations Impacting Small Irrigation and Ditch Companies - to study the difficulty that small irrigation and ditch companies are having complying with recent state regulations that apply primarily to canal companies (H.B. 298)(**Moss**).

165. State Resource Stewardship Coordinator for Air Quality - to study the need for a state resource stewardship coordinator to work with all state agencies to implement best practices to improve air quality (2nd Sub. H.B. 38)(**Arent**).

166. Stream Relocation Notification - to study requirements to notify affected parties of stream alteration (**Davis**).

167. Surface and Mineral Rights - to study issues related to surface and mineral rights (**Stephenson**).

168. Tier III Fuel Production - to study the options for encouraging low sulfur fuel production and sales in the state of Utah **(Redd)**.
169. Water Reuse - to study issues related to reuse water and waste water (H.B. 371)**(House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Standing Committee)**.
170. Wild Animal Damage - to study wild horse and burro damage related to state trust lands and federal lands **(Noel)**.
171. Wildfire Mitigation - to study incentives for wildfire mitigation in the wildfire-urban interface **(Briscoe)**.
246. Asbestos funds double dipping **(Barlow)**.

Occupational and Professional Licensure Review

172. Interior Design - to study interior design licensure **(Valentine)**.

Political Subdivisions

37. New Development Impact on School Enrollment - to study ways municipalities, counties, land developers, and school officials might coordinate planning to anticipate new housing developments' impact on school enrollment **(Stephenson)**.
158. Municipal Water Rights - to study whether municipalities should be required to disclose their water rights assets **(Greene)**.
174. County Governance - to study the governance and internal controls in Utah's county governments **(Stephenson)**.
175. Good Landlord Program - to study local governments' implementation of the Good Landlord Program **(Froerer)**.
176. Local Governments Qualifying as a Contract Customer - to study whether to authorize a municipality or county to qualify as a contract customer, develop requirements for a municipality or county to qualify as a contract customer, and whether to require the Public Service Commission to determine appropriate charges and credits for participating customers within a municipality or county who do not pay a separate demand charge (1st Sub. H.B. 110)**(House Political Subdivisions Standing Committee)**.
177. Municipal Business Licensing - to study whether to exempt certain businesses from municipal licensure (2nd Sub. H.B. 258)**(House Political Subdivisions Standing Committee)**.
178. Planning Districts - to study changes to current law governing planning districts **(King)**.
179. School Planning and Zoning - to study municipal and county land use provisions related to a school (H.B. 104)**(Cunningham)**.
201. Military Installation Development Authority - to study tax issues relating to a Military Installation Development Authority **(Harper)**.

Public Utilities and Technology

181. Digital Media Technology or Equipment - to study the creation of a Digital Media Technology or Equipment Fund to be used for student education and commercial leasing and to encourage production of digital media film, television production, video gaming, and national commercial productions within the state (S.B. 266)(**Van Tassell**).

182. Drone Technology - to study regulation of the private, commercial, and government use of drone technology (**Stephenson**).

183. Geographic Information Systems and Digital Mapping Technology - to study and update statutes related to the expectations and provision of geographic information systems and digital mapping technology by the Automated Geographic Reference Center of the Department of Technology Services (**Barrus and Hinkins**).

184. Integrated Utility Networks - to study the future of integrated utility networks, including distributed generation and solar networks, net metering, infrastructure upgrades, variability on the system, and cost impacts (**Barrus and Hinkins**).

185. Interstate Transmission Line Corridors - to study the impact on Utah and options for addressing impacts (**Barrus and Hinkins**).

186. Intrastate Transmission Lines - to study issues related to intrastate transmission lines. With various agencies involved in electrical transmission line regulation and approval, what controls can Utah and its agencies and regulatory entities have over these transmission lines? (**Handy**)

187. Open Access and Electrical Deregulation - to study how open access is a form of electrical deregulation (**Barrus and Hinkins**).

188. Parity of Communication Assessments - to study the parity of communication assessments for fees, surcharges, and taxes across telecommunication providers (**Barrus and Hinkins**).

189. Prohibition of Electronic Data Collection Assistance - to study whether to prohibit cooperation between a federal agency that collects electronic data and any political subdivisions of the state (H.B. 161)(**Roberts and House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee**).

190. RELAY UTAH Program - to study the modernization of Utah Code Section 54-8b-10, which imposes a telephone surcharge to provide hearing and speech impaired persons with telecommunication devices, including:

1. whether the statute update should reflect modern telecommunications technology and usage;
2. how current technology trends have impacted program demand; and
3. if the program should be moved from the Public Service Commission to an agency with the infrastructure better suited to administer a statewide public assistance program

(**Barrus and Hinkins**).

191. Renewable Electric Power - to study community choice aggregation for renewable electric power purchasing and generation (**Powell**).

192. Solar Power - to study solar power development and the impact on the provision of electrical power (**Barrus and Hinkins**).

193. Transmission Corridor Master Planning - to study issues related to transmission corridor master planning (**Barrus and Hinkins**).

195. Utah's Competitive Energy Cost Advantage - to study deregulation, price comparisons, Renewable Portfolio Standards impacts in other states, the cost of "Choice," etc. (**Barrus and Hinkins**)

227. Natural Gas - to study issues related to natural gas (**Okerlund**).

Revenue and Taxation

26. Contribution and Credit for Education Funding - to study setting up a tax deductible fund within the Education Fund that would be credited to the donor's income tax. This would add to the Education Fund but would save 40,000 Utahns \$250 million in Alternative Minimum Taxes (H.B. 153)(**Christofferson**).

196. 501(c)(3) Charitable Fundraising - to study whether 501(c)(3) organizations that have occasional concession sales to raise money for the purpose of giving the proceeds away to charitable causes should be subject to sales taxes (**Henderson**).

197. Business Personal Property Tax Exemption - to study whether to amend the Utah Constitution to provide a property tax exemption for business-owned tangible personal property (H.J.R. 2)(**House Business and Labor Standing Committee**).

198. Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Tax Credits and Rebates - to study tax credits and rebates for compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles. Utah has tax credits for CNG conversions and electric cars. How would an actual tax rebate work? What are the potential funding sources? What are the advantages and disadvantages? (**Handy**)

199. Distribution of Local Sales and Use Tax - to study the distribution of local sales and use taxes if a sales and use tax on remote sales is required or allowed to be collected in the future (H.B. 434)(**Nielson and House Revenue and Taxation Standing Committee**).

200. Historical Preservation Tax Credits - to study and review possible improvements to state historical preservation tax credits (**Chavez-Houck**).

202. Renewable Energy Tax Credits - to study whether to harmonize corporate and individual income tax credits for renewable energy (**Okerlund**).

203. Report on Tax Provisions - to study the State Tax Commission Report on Tax Provisions (2nd Sub. H.B. 51)(**Briscoe**).

204. Residential Assessed Valuation Property Tax Change - to study replacing the residential assessed valuation property tax with a residential tax based on size or cost of government services, which would increase fairness and lower administration costs (**Nelson**).

205. Sales Tax Reductions on Sales with Trade-Ins - to study the policy of only licensed dealers being able to take advantage of sales tax reductions on sales with trade-ins (**Chavez-Houck**).

206. Severance Tax - to study changes to current law governing severance taxes (**King**).

207. Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption - to study and address a property tax exemption for certain tangible personal property (H.B. 391)(**House Business and Labor Standing Committee**).

- 208. Tax on Fine Art - to study whether to remove the sales tax on fine art **(Osmond)**.
- 209. Tax Rate Calculation - to study issues related to the certified tax rate calculation **(Stephenson)**.
- 210. Taxing Social Security - to study state taxation of Social Security benefits **(Weiler)**.
- 243. The economic benefits of removing the three year economic life component of the manufacturer's sales tax exemption **(Adams and Henderson)**.

Retirement and Independent Entities

- 86. State Fair - to study issues related to the state fair, the State Fair Park, and state fair funding **(Mathis and Jenkins)**.
- 87. State Fair Buildings - to study structural improvements to the buildings at the State Fair Park **(Van Tassell)**.
- 194. Utah Science Center Authority - to study updates and revisions to the Utah Science Center Authority **(Weiler)**.
- 211. Financial Security in Retirement - to study how to help people prepare to be financially self-sufficient in retirement **(Weiler)**
- 212. Independent Entities - to study and review independent entities, including what they are and what they do **(Weiler)**.
- 213. Postretirement Reemployment - to study the costs associated with postretirement reemployment **(Weiler)**.
- 214. Retirement Account Exemption - to study a retirement account exemption for short-term workers **(Jerry Anderson)**.
- 215. Retirement Contribution Rates - to study and receive a presentation on preliminary retirement contribution rates **(Weiler)**.
- 216. Retirement Impacts of Qualified Domestic Relations Orders After a Divorce if the Employed Party Never Remarries - to study a glitch in the Utah Code that would prevent a surviving spouse from receiving the surviving spouse's portion of the retirement benefits if the employed party never remarries **(Weiler)**.
- 217. Retirement Systems Overview - to study a retirement systems overview and actuarial information **(Weiler)**.
- 218. Utah Retirement Systems - to study and review the Utah Retirement Systems, what it does, and how it accomplishes its mission **(Weiler)**.
- 219. Utah Retirement Systems Benefits Claims - to study statutes of limitations for benefits claims in the Utah Retirement Systems **(Weiler)**.
- 220. Utah Retirement Systems Modifications - to study and review annual Utah Retirement Systems modifications, including technical amendments **(Weiler)**.
- 221. Utah Retirement Tier II Systems - to study pension reform follow-up implementation issues **(Weiler)**.

Transportation

2. Motor Vehicle Insurance -- Settlement of Claims - to study provisions relating to unfair claim settlement practices on certain motor vehicle insurance policies (S.B. 197, with amendments)(**Davis**).

88. State Motor Pool* - to study the number of motor vehicles in the state motor pool, their locations, how extensively they are used, and methods of tracking their location and use (**Van Tassell**).

222. Airport Authority - to study issues related to the Salt Lake Airport Authority (**Van Tassell**).

223. Airports - to study issues related to airports, including management, leasing and vendors, and oversight authority (**Valentine**).

224. Driving Under the Influence Standards - to study whether to change one of the standards for a driving under the influence violation from "being under the influence of alcohol, any drug, or the combined influence of alcohol and any drug to a degree that renders the person incapable of safely operating a vehicle" to "being impaired to the slightest degree by alcohol, any drug, any substance, or any combination thereof" (1st Sub. H.B. 303)(**Perry and House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Standing Committee**).

225. Gas Tax - to study issues related to the gas tax (**Mayne**).

226. Impounding Vehicles - to study impounding vehicles of unlicensed drivers when no other driver is present (H.B. 79)(**Perry**).

228. Salvage Vehicles - to study the impact of salvage vehicles and when a vehicle should be salvaged (**McKell**).

229. School Bus Traffic Safety - to study whether to allow school districts to contract for technology that will generate a recorded image of a motor vehicle driver passing a school bus when the red signal light is flashing, and to receive and submit the recorded image to law enforcement for possible investigation (1st Sub. H.B. 406)(**House Transportation Standing Committee**).

230. Transit Funding - to study funding for mass transit and issues related to mass transit funding (H.B. 210)(**Briscoe and Mayne**).

231. Transportation in Salt Lake County - to study transportation in Salt Lake County, particularly at the Salt Lake International Airport, and its effect on the state. Also study the regulation of concessions, including charter buses, shuttles, taxis, limousines, rental cars, etc. How should it be done to maximize its benefit to the entire state? (S.B. 235)(**Harper**)

232. UTA Bus Routes - to study current bus routes, especially current east-west routes, express buses, and any proposed new bus routes to help east riders' access to TRAX and Frontrunner (**Moss**).

233. Vehicle Title Transfer Sales - to study whether to require a confirmation or an affidavit validating fair market value in vehicle title transfer sales (**Chavez-Houck**).

234. Waiver for Purple Heart - to study granting a waiver relating to motorcycles for Purple Heart recipients (**Froerer**).

241. Highway safety issues related to non-motorized vehicles (**Adams**).

245. Salt Lake Airport management, leases, governance, and oversight
(Johnny Anderson).

Commission on Federalism

154. Jurisdiction Over Federal Areas Within the States - to study jurisdiction over federal areas within the states, based on the report of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Study of Jurisdiction Over Federal Areas Within the States, and the current status of the conclusions of this report **(Ivory)**.

120. Federal Regulatory Overreach - to study the regulatory overreach of federal agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Department of Education, etc. **(Jerry Anderson)**

121. Federalism and the "Police Power" - to study and review United States Supreme Court and Circuit Court cases on federalism and the "police power" jurisdiction of the states **(Ivory)**.

Water Development Commission

235. Standards for Allocating Utah's Water Supply* - to study the standards for allocating Utah's water supply, including:

1. standards for the allocation of water for domestic use and whether the standards should be revised to accurately reflect actual domestic beneficial use;

2. standards for the allocation of irrigation water based on flood irrigation and whether standards should be revised based on pipeline based sprinkler irrigations systems;

3. whether the reduction or elimination of natural vegetative water consumption should result in a recognition of the reduced water use and:

a. a corresponding reduction in the water requirement associated with developing the land;
and

b. recognition of a landowner's right to put to alternative use the water previously consumed by the eliminated natural vegetation;

4. whether current allocation standards comply with existing Utah statutory and case law; and

5. ways that these revisions can identify overallocation, resulting in the availability of additional water resources and reduced costs that can fuel the growth of Utah's economy
(Greene).

Legislative Process

236. Bill Sponsorship - to study a process that would allow more than one legislator to be designated as a primary sponsor of a bill (**Arent**).

237. Legislative Process Ethics - to study and review policies requiring ethical descriptions of proposed legislation by staff and legislators (**Stephenson**).

238. Standing Committee Agenda Practices - to study legislative rule changes to address pulling bills from a standing committee agenda at the end of a legislative session to avoid the possibility of a bill failing in committee and improving the legislation's chances of receiving floor debate (**Weiler**).

* Items **88** (p. 16, under Transportation) and **235** (p. 17, under Water Development Commission) are proposed for assignment to those groups in response to the specific requests of the item sponsors (Sen. Van Tassell and Rep. Greene, respectively)