

OVERSIGHT OF LEGISLATIVE STAFF OFFICES

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AN ACT RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; AMENDING PROVISIONS REGARDING OVERSIGHT OF OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH AND GENERAL COUNSEL, AND OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR GENERAL; ENLARGING THE DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE; AND MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

36-12-8, as last amended by Chapter 175, Laws of Utah 1983

ENACTS:

36-12-8.1, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **36-12-8** is amended to read:

36-12-8. Legislative Management Committee -- Research and General Counsel Subcommittee -- Budget Subcommittee -- Audit Subcommittee -- Duties -- Members -- Meetings.

(1) There is created within the Legislative Management Committee three subcommittees having equal representation from each major political party. The subcommittees, their membership, and their functions are as follows:

(a) The Research and General Counsel Subcommittee, comprising six members, shall ~~[oversee the positions of legislative research and general counsel director and legislative general counsel and shall: (i) Recommend]~~ recommend to the Legislative Management Committee a person or persons to hold the positions of director of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel and legislative general counsel[;].

~~[(ii) Review and approve the budget for such office; and]~~

~~[(iii) Provide an annual performance review of the director.]~~

(b) The Budget Subcommittee, comprising six members, shall ~~[oversee the position of legislative fiscal analyst and shall: (i) Recommend]~~ recommend to the Legislative Management Committee a person to hold the position of legislative fiscal analyst[;].

~~[(ii) Review and approve the budget for such office; and]~~

~~[(iii) Provide an annual performance review of the fiscal analyst.]~~

(c) The Audit Subcommittee, comprising four members, shall ~~[oversee the position of legislative auditor general and shall]:~~

(i) ~~[Recommend]~~ recommend to the Legislative Management Committee a person to hold the position of legislative auditor general; and

~~[(ii) Review and approve the budget for such office; and]~~

~~[(iii) Provide an annual performance review of the auditor general.]~~

(ii) (A) review all request for audits;

(B) prioritize those requests; and

(C) hear all audit reports and refer those reports to other legislative committees for their further review and action as appropriate.

(2) The members of each subcommittee of the Legislative Management Committee shall be appointed from the membership of the Legislative Management Committee by an appointments committee comprised of the speaker and the minority leader of the House of Representatives and the president and the minority leader of the Senate.

(3) Each subcommittee of the Legislative Management Committee shall meet as often as necessary to perform its duties. They may meet during and between legislative sessions.

Section 2. Section **36-12-8.1** is enacted to read:

36-12-8.1. Legislative Management Committee -- Subcommittee on Oversight -- Members -- Duties -- Meetings.

(1) There is created within the Legislative Management Committee a Subcommittee on Oversight comprised of the following members:

(a) from the Senate:

- (i) the president;
- (ii) the majority leader;
- (iii) the minority leader; and
- (iv) the minority whip;
- (b) from the House of Representatives:

- (i) the speaker;
- (ii) the majority leader;
- (iii) the minority leader; and
- (iv) the minority whip.

(2) The Subcommittee on Oversight shall:

(a) review and approve the budget for the Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, and the Office of Legislative Auditor General; and

(b) provide an annual performance review for the legislative fiscal analyst, the director of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, and the legislative auditor general.

(3) (a) This subcommittee shall meet no later than June 1st of each year to conduct the annual performance review and no later than November 1st of each year to review and approve the budget of these offices.

(b) This subcommittee may meet as often as necessary to perform its duties.