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

Section 1. Section **36-26-101** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 26. GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND  
EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**36-26-101. Title.**

This chapter is known as the "Government Efficiency and Effectiveness Review  
Committee."

Section 2. Section **36-26-102** is enacted to read:

**36-26-102. Government Efficiency and Effectiveness Review Committee --  
Creation -- Membership -- Chairs -- Salaries and expenses -- Staff support.**

(1) There is created the Government Efficiency and Effectiveness Review Committee  
consisting of the following 11 members:

(a) seven members from the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker, no  
more than five of whom shall be members of the same political party; and

(b) four members of the Senate appointed by the president, no more than three of  
whom shall be members of the same political party.

(2) (a) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one of the members  
from the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(a) to act as a cochair of the  
committee.

(b) The president of the Senate shall designate one of the members from the Senate  
appointed under Subsection (1)(b) to act as a cochair of the committee.

(3) In conducting its business, the committee shall comply with the rules of legislative  
interim committees.

(4) Salaries and expenses of the legislators shall be paid in accordance with Section  
36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

(5) (a) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff  
support to the committee.

(b) The committee may request additional staff support from other legislative staff  
offices as needed.

Section 3. Section **36-26-103** is enacted to read:

59           **36-26-103. Duties.**

60           (1) The committee shall seek to reduce costs in state government and seek to increase  
61 the efficiency and effectiveness of state government by reviewing:

62           (a) the budget of one department within state government in detail each year, to  
63 determine possible reductions or additions to the budget of that department and to identify  
64 programs or divisions of the department that could be privatized;

65           (b) executive branch agencies, for possible reorganization, prioritization, and  
66 streamlining, including time and motion auditing of executive branch agencies;

67           (c) government services and programs, to evaluate their potential for possible  
68 privatization;

69           (d) occupational and professional licensing boards and processes, for possible  
70 consolidation or deregulation; and

71           (e) any other means of reducing the costs of state government and increasing the  
72 efficiency and effectiveness of state government that the committee determines.

73           (2) The committee may recommend:

74           (a) legislation to implement its conclusions;

75           (b) privatization studies to the Privatization Policy Board created by Section 63-55a-2;

76           (c) modifications to any state agency budget to the Executive Appropriations

77 Committee and any appropriations subcommittee; and

78           (d) modifications to occupational and professional licensing boards and processes to  
79 the Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee created by Section 36-23-102.

80           (3) The committee shall report to the Government Operations Interim Committee by  
81 November 1 of each year.

82           **Section 4. Appropriation.**

83           As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated  
84 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2004-05:

85           (1) \$5,000 to the Senate; and

86           (2) \$8,500 to the House of Representatives.

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**Legislative Review Note**

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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**