



# INTERIM HIGHLIGHTS

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## INTERIM LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

*Meetings were held November 14, 2007, or as noted.*

### Administrative Rules

*(October 23, 2007)*

#### STUDY:

- Discussed after-school child care programs provided at public schools by community groups, and potential statutory and administrative rule changes to address the issue of regulation.

#### ACTIONS:

- Recommended that the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing adopt by administrative rule its proposed definition of the various levels of supervision exercised by professionals licensed by the division.
- Requested preparation of draft legislation to address issues related to international applicants for a Utah Concealed Firearm Permit and educational requirements for all applicants.

*Chairs: Sen. Howard A. Stephenson / Rep. Ben C. Ferry*

*Staff: Arthur L. Hunsaker (analyst)/Susan Creager Allred (attorney)/Tracey Fredman (secretary)*

### Business and Labor

#### STUDIES:

- Considered draft legislation:
  - Medical Malpractice Arbitration
  - Garnishment Amendments
  - Damage to Underground Utilities Act Amendments
  - Professional Employer Organization Licensing Act
- Discussed managed care and state insurance mandates. These state mandates affect only a small portion of the insurance market. Approximately two-thirds of the insurance market is made up of insurance programs provided by or governed by the federal government.
- Discussed the Department of Financial Institutions data collection related to deferred deposit loans, commonly referred to as payday loans.

#### REPORTS:

- The chairs of the joint Government Competition and Privatization Subcommittee, which has members from the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee and the Business and Labor Interim Committee, reported on its work, including five subcommittee bills. *(Continued next column)*

- Received from the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission a progress report on the appointment of a working group to consider statutory and administrative changes concerning boxing and other forms of unarmed combat.
- Received a report from the Utah Department of Health regarding the use of the state's controlled substance database to study issues related to certain prescribed drugs.

*Chairs: Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassel / Rep. Stephen D. Clark*

*Staff: Stewart E. Smith (analyst)/Patricia Owen (attorney)/Phalin L. Flowers (secretary)*

### Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel

*(October 18, 2007)*

#### STUDIES:

- Considered draft legislation:
  - Training of Division of Child and Family Services Caseworkers
  - Child Abuse and Neglect Registry - Management and Licensing Information Systems Amendments

#### REPORTS:

- Received reports from the Department of Human Services and the Division of Child and Family Services as required by the "David C." litigation exit agreement.
- Received reports from the Department of Human Services on the Governor's Child and Family Cabinet Council and placement of foster children with relatives.

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(November 5, 2007)

**STUDY:**

- Considered draft legislation “Training of Division of Child and Family Services Caseworkers.” The Division of Child and Family Services agreed that in lieu of the proposed legislation it would adopt administrative rules requiring training for caseworkers to recognize and respond to persons attempting to manipulate caseworkers or others for personal advantage in child custody disputes.

**REPORTS:**

- The Judicial Council’s Guardian ad Litem Oversight Committee reported that it is:
  - helping the Office of the Guardian ad Litem address a large caseload and implement a new automated recordkeeping system;
  - reviewing the duties and work of the Office of the Guardian ad Litem Director; and
  - studying how to deal with complaints filed against guardians ad litem.

**ACTIONS:**

- Considered the Office of the Guardian ad Litem’s FY 09 budget proposal and recommended that the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee adopt the proposal.
- Recommended that the Legislature give further consideration to issues related to the care of children by relatives, including health care, education, caregiver’s rights, and increasing the availability of Department of Workforce Services’ specified relative grants.

*Chairs: Sen. Dan R. Eastman / Rep. Steven R. Mascaro*

*Staff: Mark D. Andrews (analyst)/Thomas R. Vaughn (attorney)/Wendy Bangerter (secretary)*

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## Constitutional Revision Commission

(November 15, 2007)

**STUDY:**

- Considered a constitutional amendment proposed by the Utah Attorney General to Article I, Section 14, *Unreasonable Searches Forbidden*.

*Chairs: Judge Jon Memmott / Mr. Kevin J. Worthen*

*Staff: Jerry D. Howe (analyst)/Robert H. Rees (attorney)/Amanda K. Majers (secretary)*

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## Education

**REPORTS:**

- Received statutory annual reports regarding:
  - the Engineering and Computer Science Initiative;
  - the Utah College of Applied Technology;
  - career and technical education in high schools; and
  - the Grades 4-6 Math Improvement Program.
- Received the final report of the Higher Education Task Force.

*Chairs: Sen. Howard A. Stephenson / Rep. Gregory H. Hughes*

*Staff: Constance C. Steffen & Phillip V. Dean (analysts)/Dee S Larsen (attorney)  
Glenda S. Whitney (secretary)*

## Equalization Task Force

(November 12, 2007)

**STUDY:**

- Reviewed statewide equalization proposals from legislators and school district officials.

*Chairs: Sen. Dan R. Eastman / Rep. David Clark*

*Staff: Phillip V. Dean (analyst)/Angela D. Oakes (attorney)/Andrea Wilko (economist)  
Ben Leishman (fiscal analyst)/Chelsea Barrett (secretary)*

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## Government Competition and Privatization Subcommittee

(October 25, 2007)

**STUDIES:**

- Discussed possible legislative measures to address the growth in an interlocal cooperative agency providing telecommunication services.
- Reviewed draft legislation:
  - “Local Government Fiscal and Economic Impact Studies,” which would require local government to conduct certain studies prior to approving expenditure of funds.
  - “Government Competition and Privatization Act,” which would replace the Privatization Policy Board with a commission, require an inventory of commercial activities provided by governmental entities to be taken periodically, and set requirements for the amount a government entity charges for private use of a public facility.
  - “Accounting for Competitive Activities of Local Entities,” which would require local governments to separately account for an activity that competes with private enterprise.
  - “Anti-Flow Control Amendments,” which amends the Solid Waste Management Act.

(November 7, 2007)

**STUDY:**

- Discussed draft legislation, “Charges for Private Use of Public Facilities,” which sets requirements for the amount a government entity charges for private use of a public facility.

*Chairs: Sen. Howard A. Stephenson / Rep. Craig A. Frank*

*Staff: Leif G. Elder (analyst)/Patricia Owen (attorney)/Phalin L. Flowers (secretary)*

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## Government Operations

**ACTION:**

- The committee considered and acted on proposed legislation. See “Recommended Legislation for the 2008 General Session.”

*Chairs: Sen. Peter C. Knudson / Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson*

*Staff: Benjamin N. Christensen (analyst)/Eric N. Weeks (attorney)/Chelsea Barrett (secretary)*

## Health and Human Services

### STUDIES:

- Received comments from the Utah Ambulatory Surgery Center Association regarding its concern that many of its members are not included on the provider panels created by managed care organizations under contract with the Utah Department of Health to deliver Medicaid services. The Association said that including the centers would reduce Medicaid costs. The Department of Health indicated that it is willing to consider any option that would reduce costs.
- Received recommendations developed from meetings held by the Department of Health to clarify the intent of the statute that exempts child care related to certain education institutions from regulation.

### REPORTS:

- Received the annual report of the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel. The Panel recommended legislation:
  - Child Abuse and Neglect Registry - Management and Licensing Information Systems Amendments
  - Waivers of Immunity - Exceptions
  - Child Welfare Amendments
  - Child Welfare Definitions
- The Panel also recommended:
  - further study of issues related to kinship care for abused and neglected children; and
  - increasing the Office of the Guardian ad Litem budget by \$761,900 to increase attorney salaries, hire six additional attorneys and three additional support staff, increase the hourly rate and cap the amount paid to outside counsel, and pay for two additional motor pool vehicles.
- Received an update from the Medicaid Interim Committee.

*Chairs: Sen. D. Chris Butters / Rep. Paul Ray*

*Staff: Mark D. Andrews (analyst)/Catherine J. Dupont & Thomas R. Vaughn (attorneys)  
Joy L. Miller (secretary)*

## Higher Education Task Force

*(November 7, 2007)*

### STUDIES:

- Received a presentation from the Utah Student Association requesting additional funding for need-based student financial aid and a sales tax exemption for textbooks.
- Reviewed proposed legislation, "Higher Education Enhancements," which appropriates money for higher education institutions.

*Chairs: Sen. Gregory S. Bell / Rep. Kory M. Holdaway*

*Staff: Allison Nicholson & Constance C. Steffen (analysts)/Dee S. Larsen (attorneys)  
Glenda S. Whitney (secretary)*

## Judicial Retention Election Task Force

*(November 7, 2007)*

### ACTION:

- Adopted draft legislation, "Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission," which establishes an independent judicial performance evaluation program and creates a commission to administer the program.

*Chairs: Sen. D. Chris Butters / Rep. Curtis Oda*

*Staff: Jerry D. Howe & Mark B. Steinagel (analysts)/Esther Chelsea-McCarty & Christopher R. Parker (attorneys)/Amanda K. Majers (secretary)*

## Judiciary

### REPORTS:

- Received a report from the Department of Corrections and the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice regarding the criteria for determining the effectiveness of treatment of sex offenders, the implementation of sex offender treatment, and the results of ongoing assessment and objective diagnostic testing.
- Received the annual report from the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel. The Panel recommended legislation:
  - Child Abuse and Neglect Registry - Management and Licensing Information Systems Amendments
  - Waivers of Immunity - Exceptions
  - Child Welfare Amendments
  - Child Welfare Definitions
- Received a report from the Judicial Retention Election Task Force recommending that an independent commission be created to administer a judicial performance evaluation program.
- Received information regarding a proposed amendment to the Rules of Evidence that would, in child molestation cases, allow admission of evidence of prior acts of child molestation under specific circumstances. The Utah Supreme Court has recently sent the amendment out for comment.

*Chairs: Sen. Gregory S. Bell / Rep. Douglas C. Aagard*

*Staff: Jerry D. Howe (analyst)/Esther Chelsea-McCarty (attorney)/Amanda K. Majers (secretary)*

## Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

### REPORTS:

- The State Emergency Medical Services Committee presented its annual report, which recommended legislative attention to rural roads and other issues affecting access to rural ambulance services for individuals who become ill or are injured in remote areas of the state.
- The Bureau of Criminal Identification presented a statutory report on the amount and use of fees collected for concealed weapon permits under Section 53-5-707.

*Chairs: Sen. Jon J. Greiner / Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman*

*Staff: Stewart E. Smith (analyst)/Susan Creager Allred (attorney)  
Wendy L. Bangerter (secretary)*

## RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2008 GENERAL SESSION

### **Business and Labor**

- \*Captive Insurance Company Amendments
- \*Consumer Sales Practice Act Amendments
- \*Disclosure of Information by the Department of Workforce Services
- \*Impact of Administrative Rules on Small Businesses
- \*Legislative Review of Health Insurance Mandates
- Repeal Provisions Related to Assumption of Indebtedness on Residential Real Property
- \*Trustees Sale - Process for Excess Proceeds
- \*Utah Business Resource Centers Act

### **Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel**

- \*Child Abuse and Neglect Registry - Management and Licensing Information Systems Amendments
- \*Child Welfare Amendments
- Child Welfare Definitions
- \*Waivers of Immunity - Exceptions

### **Education**

- \*Charter and Online Schools - Participation in Extracurricular Activities
- \*Differentiated Pay for Teachers
- \*Educator Relicensure Initiative
- \*Extended School Year Incentive
- \*Extended Year for Special Educators
- \*Home School and Extra Curricular Activities Amendments
- \*Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education Task Force
- \*Paraeducator to Teacher Scholarship Program
- \*Resolution Encouraging the Advertisement of Alternative Routes to Teaching
- Task Force to Study Performance Incentives for Teachers

### **Government Operations**

- Access to Voter Date of Birth Records
- \*Allowance of Polling Places for Early Voting
- Campaign Finance Disclosure Revisions
- Candidate Residency Requirements
- \*Declaration of Candidacy Revisions
- Election Law Modifications
- Lieutenant Governor Powers - Administration of Oaths
- Notary Public Revisions
- \*Recodification of Title 63 State Affairs in General
- \*Revision to Polling Requirements
- \*Timing of Ballot Items

### **Government Competition and Privatization Subcommittee**

- \*Accounting for Competitive Activities of Local Entities
- \*Anti-flow Control Amendments
- \*Government Competition and Privatization Act
- \*Inventory and Review of Commercial Activities
- \*Local Government Bonding Act - Public Hearings

### **Health and Human Services**

- \*Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights
- Amendments to Utah Digital Health Service Commission Act
- Cancer Screening and Mortality Reduction Program
- \*Child Welfare Amendments
- \*Child Welfare Definitions
- Control and Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- \*Education and Outreach Regarding Substances Harmful During Pregnancy
- Medicaid Coverage for Certain Telehealth Services
- Resolution Supporting Obesity Awareness
- Smoking Ban in Motor Vehicle
- \*Standards for Exchange of Electronic Health Information
- \*Supported Employment Services to a Person with a Disability

### **Higher Education Task Force**

- Utah College of Applied Technology - Governance and Operations

### **Judiciary**

- Child and Family Protection
- Exoneration and Innocence Assistance
- Expedited Parent -Time Enforcement
- Parent Time Amendments
- Title 78 Recodification and Revision

### **Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

- Assault on a Peace Officer Penalty Amendments
- Controlled Substances and Paraphernalia
- \*Crime of Strangulation or Smothering
- Criminal Statute of Limitations Amendments
- Discharge of Firearm Amendments
- Disclosure of Identity to Officer
- \*Expungement Law Amendments
- Honoring Heroes Special Group License Plate
- Material Harmful to Minors Amendments
- Parole Amendments
- Search Warrant Procedure Amendments
- Vehicle Concealing Illegal Items

*\* Bills recommended at the November interim meeting*



## RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2008 GENERAL SESSION (Continued)

### **Legislative Management Committee**

Sunset Reauthorizations and Amendments

### **Local Issues Task Force**

Municipal Government Amendments

### **Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment**

Affirmative Defense for Agri-Tourism Activity\*

\*Fire Management Areas

\*Underground Storage Tank Amendments

\*Water Right Forfeiture Protection

### **Special Districts Subcommittee**

Limited Purpose Local Government Entities Revisions

### **Political Subdivisions**

\*Campaign Report Amendments

Election Law - Financial Report

\*Limited Purpose Local Government Entities Revisions

\*Municipal Government Amendments

\*Municipal Incorporation Amendments

\*Safe Drinking Water Revisions

### **Public Utilities and Technology**

Email Information Required of Registered Sex Offenders

\*Water Right Application For Electrical Cooperative

### **Retirement & Independent Entities**

Divestment of Certain Retirement Fund Investments

Enhanced Public Safety Retirement Systems COLA Option

Public Safety Retirement Death Benefit Modifications

Retirement Death Benefits and Divorce Revisions

### **Revenue and Taxation**

Apportionment of Business Income, Attributing Sales to the State, and Deduction of Net Losses by a Unitary Group

\*Budget Reserve Account and Disaster Recovery Account Amendments

Waste Amendments\*

State Engineer's Powers and Duties Amendments\*

\*Income Tax Amendments

\*Motor and Special Fuel Tax Amendments

\*Personal Property Tax Amendments

\*Property Tax Assessment Revisions

Repeal of Board Leeway for Reading Improvement

Research Activities Tax Credits Amendments

\*Severance Tax Amendments

\*Transparency in Government Finance

\*Truth in Taxation Amendments

### **Teacher Shortages, Quality, and Compensation Subcommittee**

Differentiated Pay for Teachers

Educator Relicensure Initiative

Extended School Year Initiative

Extended Year for Special Educators

Paraeducator to Teacher Scholarship Program

Task Force to Study Performance Incentives for Teachers

### **Transportation**

\*Clean Fuel Special Group License Place Amendments

\*Confidentiality of Reports to Driver License Division

\*Designation of State Highways Amendments

Driving Under the Influence Amendments

Motorcycle License and Endorsement Amendments

\*Penalties for Failing to Secure a Load or Littering on Highway

\*Transportation Administrative Rules - Criminal and Civil Penalty Amendments

### **Utah International Trade Commission**

Budget Reserve Account and Disaster Recovery Account Amendments

Resolution Addressing International Trade Issue

State Trade Database

### **Utah Tax Review Commission**

\*Income Tax Amendments

\*Severance Tax Amendments

### **Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development**

\*Child Care Providers

\*Community and Economic Development Technical Changes

\*Department of Community and Culture - State-Owned Art Inventory

Economic Development Incentives Modifications

Employment Security Act Amendments

\*Mobile Home Owners' Rights

Utah Venture Capital Enhancement Act Amendments

*\* Bills recommended at the November interim meeting*

## Legislative Process Committee

(October 19, 2007 and November 9, 2007)

### STUDIES:

- Discussed appropriation subcommittees, including legislative rules governing quorum requirements for those committees.
- Discussed electronic meetings and the ramifications of allowing legislators to participate in committee meetings from remote locations.
- Discussed e-mail management for legislators, including strategies to assist legislators in dealing with high volumes of e-mail during the 2008 General Session.
- Discussed the need for and possible ways to provide constituent services for legislators.

*Chairs: Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard / Rep. Roger E. Barrus*

*Staff: John Q. Cannon (Managing Policy Analyst)/John L. Fellows (Deputy General Counsel)  
Chelsea Barrett (secretary)*

## Medicaid Interim Committee

(November 2, 2007)

### STUDIES:

- Considered draft legislation, "Medicaid 340B Drug Pricing Programs," which requires the Department of Health to explore the feasibility of expanding the use of 340B drug pricing programs by the state's Medicaid program.
- Received a report by committee staff on the fiscal impact of establishing a fourth element in the formula used to calculate maximum payments to pharmacists for prescription drugs sold to Medicaid clients.
- Received a report by committee staff on potential causes for the differences in occupancy rates between nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded.

### REPORT:

- Received comments from persons representing consumers, providers, and other stakeholders in the aging and disabilities communities regarding providing cost-effective long-term care.

### ACTIONS:

- Reviewed a proposal by the Division of Aging and Adult Services to create a pilot program to help patients leaving hospitals to receive care in home and community-based settings, rather than institutional settings, when appropriate.
- Recommended that this pilot program be considered by the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee during the 2008 General Session.
- Reviewed options for addressing long-term care spending and directed committee staff to prepare legislation that would allow a nursing home to increase its number of Medicaid certified beds by up to thirty percent annually.

*Chairs: Sen. Allen M. Christensen / Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold*

*Staff: Mark D. Andrews & Leif G. Elder (analysts)/Catherine J. Dupont & Thomas R. Vaughn (attorneys)/Phalin L. Flowers (secretary)*

## Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment

### REPORT:

- Received a report from the Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative and the State Energy Advisor on energy development technologies, energy resource production and consumption, energy trends, and challenges to energy extraction, development, production, refining, and transportation in Utah.

*Chairs: Sen. Darin G. Peterson / Rep. Roger E. Barrus*

*Staff: J. Brian Allred (analyst)/Emily R. Brown (attorney)/Joy L. Miller (secretary)*

## Political Subdivisions

### REPORT:

- The Utah Quality Growth Commission reported on the status of quality growth in Utah.

*Chairs: Sen. Dennis E. Stowell / Rep. Fred R. Hunsaker*

*Staff: Joseph T. Wade (analyst)/Robert H. Rees (attorney)/Wendy L. Bangertner (secretary)*

## Public Utilities and Technology

### STUDY:

- Discussed the Public Service Commission's statutory authority to define by administrative rule the crime of failure to report. The Committee directed that committee staff follow up with the Administrative Rules Committee regarding this issue of criminal penalties in agency rules.

### REPORTS:

- Discussed draft legislation that would require an electrical corporation or municipal electric utility to provide that a percentage of electricity it sells be generated from renewable energy resources as a means of energy resource conservation and carbon reduction.
- Received a report covering a 12-year period during which Utah residents claimed a renewable energy tax credit. The number of tax credits claimed over that period doubled for both residential and commercial users.
- Received a report about renewable energy development on federal lands and the requirements for permitting, which include environmental impact statements, and apply to solar, geothermal, and wind as renewable energy projects.
- Received a report on the science of climate change, including carbon dioxide production, global surface temperatures, air temperatures, greenhouse effects, glacial melting and sea level rise, and weather extremes such as hurricanes, droughts, and precipitation.
- Received a report on the processing of oil shale at the White River Mine in Uintah County, including a preliminary report on the nature of the oil produced.
- Received the statutory annual report from the Department of Technology Services. The report included proposed new services and technology.

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- Received the statutory annual report from the State Energy Advisor about the governor's proposed energy policies, which include energy security, economic development, and energy efficiency.

*Chairs: Sen. Scott K. Jenkins / Rep. Michael E. Noel*

*Staff: Richard C. North (analyst)/Christopher R. Parker (attorney)/Tracey Fredman (secretary)*

## Retirement

(November 13, 2007)

### STUDY:

- Reviewed H.B. 377, "Retirement Benefits Amendments," as it was introduced in the 2007 General Session. The bill would provide that each public employee choose between a defined benefit retirement plan or a defined contribution retirement plan.

### REPORT:

- Received a report from Public Employees Health Program on a pilot program in Provo City in which a private entity provides managed health care services for persons having high health costs or chronic health care conditions.

*Chairs: Sen. Curtis S. Bramble / Rep. John Dougall*

*Staff: Benjamin N. Christensen (analyst)/Dee S Larsen &*

*Eric N. Weeks (attorneys)/Glenda S. Whitney (secretary)*

## Revenue and Taxation

### STUDIES:

- Reviewed alternative funding methods for the state's public education system that could reduce revenue from the property tax and increase revenue from the sales and use tax.
- Reviewed a proposal to modify the taxes and fees imposed on certain private aircraft and the disposition and use of those revenues.

### REPORT:

- Received a report from the Government Competition and Privatization Subcommittee.

*Chairs: Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser / Rep. John Dougall*

*Staff: Bryant R. Howe, Phillip Dean, & Leif G. Elder (analysts)/Rebecca L. Rockwell &*

*Angela D. Oakes (attorneys)/Phalin L. Flowers (secretary)*

## Special Districts Subcommittee

(November 13, 2007)

### STUDY:

- Reviewed draft legislation, "Limited Purpose Local Government Entities Revisions."

*Chair: Sen. Dennis E. Stowell*

*Staff: Joseph T. Wade (analyst)/Robert H. Rees (attorney) / Wendy L. Bangertner (secretary)*

## Tax Review Commission

(November 9, 2007)

### STUDY:

- Received a report from the Sales and Use Tax Working Group on its recommendations for an updated sales and use tax system.

### REPORT:

- Received a report from the Center for Public Policy and Administration on how the structure and incidence of Utah's sales and use tax, property tax, and individual income tax compares with other intermountain states. The report also noted the comparative tax burden between the states.

*Chairs: Mr. M. Keith Prescott / Mr. David J. Crapo*

*Staff: Bryant R. Howe, Phillip V. Dean & Leif G. Elder (analysts)/Angela D. Oakes &*

*Rebecca Rockwell (attorneys)/Phalin L. Flowers (secretary)*

## Subcommittee on Teacher Shortages, Quality, and Compensation

(November 9, 2007)

### ACTION:

- Directed that committee staff prepare a letter to the State Board of Education urging the Board to adopt by rule the expedited procedure for reinstating an educator's license as described in committee legislation, "Educator Relicensure Initiative."

*Chairs: Sen. Howard A. Stephenson / Rep. Gregory H. Hughes*

*Staff: Constance C. Steffen (analyst)/Dee S Larsen (attorney) Glenda S. Whitney (secretary)*

## Transportation

### REPORTS:

- Received a report from the Utah Department of Transportation on a study of the need for selected east-west transportation system improvements in first and second class counties.
- Received a report from the Driver License Division on the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

*Chairs: Sen. Carlene Walker / Rep. Todd Kiser*

*Staff: Mark B. Steinagel (analyst)/Shannon C. Halverson (attorney)*

*Tracey Fredman (secretary)*

## Workforce Services & Community and Economic Development

### STUDIES:

- Discussed approaches to increasing the amount of affordable housing available in the state.
- Discussed the adequacy of cash grant levels in the Family Employment Program, which provides cash assistance to families receiving public assistance.

*Chairs: Sen. Mark B. Madsen / Rep. Steven R. Mascaro*

*Staff: Arthur L. Hunsaker (analyst)/James L. Wilson (attorney)/Glenda S. Whitney (secretary)*

## LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### REPORT:

- Received a report from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst entitled, "This is the Place Heritage Park: A Report to the Legislative Management Committee."
- Received a request from the co-chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee that all appropriations subcommittees come to the State Capitol on January 16, 2008 to hold all-day budget hearings to prepare for the FY 2009 base budgets.

### ACTIONS:

- Approved a request from the Transportation Interim Committee and the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee to hold a joint meeting to hear from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General regarding an audit of the Utah Transit Authority.
- Approved the actions of the interim committees regarding the sunset re-authorizations and repealers that were assigned this interim, including those actions that will take place at the November interim committee meetings, and directed staff to prepare a bill for the 2008 General Session.
- Approved the following Legislative Management Committee Policies:
  - Committee Rooms in the Capitol - expanded legislative oversight to certain named committee rooms in the state capitol.

- Legislative Intern Program - defines who an intern is, changes the program to make legislative interns employees of the state rather than independent contractors, and adjusts their pay.
- Policies and Procedures for Handling Records Requests - clarifies that draft legislation may be shared with state agencies or others and still be protected, and, designates how a sponsor makes proposed legislation public.
- Parking - Updated parking policies and assigned parking places in the various lots for legislators and legislative staff.

## UPCOMING DATES

- **December 1, 2007** (Saturday) - Last day for legislators to designate up to three priority bills
- **December 1, 2007** (Saturday) - Last day for governmental entities to request bills
- **December 19, 2007** (Wednesday) - Last day for Executive Appropriations Committee to set initial budget
- **January 21, 2007** (Monday) - First day of 2008 General Session

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