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Senator Todd Weiler, Chair
Representative Curtis Oda, Chair
Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee
Utah State Capitol Complex
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Senator Weiler and Representative Oda:

At its April 16, 2014 meeting, the Legislative Management Committee reviewed your recommendations of interim study items. The Legislative Management Committee agrees with your recommendations with one addition – item 5.

This fall, all interim committee chairs will be invited to report the results of their work to the Legislative Management Committee. It is our expectation that interim committee chairs will discuss their findings on each item they were able to study and on some issues provide committee recommended legislation.

Therefore, pursuant to Legislative Rule IR2-1-101(2), we assign the following study items to your committee:

1. Constables/PI's/process servers/special function officers: this item would study the practices, roles, responsibilities and authorities of each entity and any possible conflicts.
2. Transferring the multi-agency strike force from the AG's office to DPS: this issue refers to H.B. 100, 2014 Session (Greenwood). In the House Law Enforcement Standing Committee, Rep. Greenwood and the Attorney General's Office agreed to study this issue over the 2014 interim.
3. Permanent identification for state inmates and county jail inmates prior to release: studying the process by which corrections and county jails ensure that inmates are provided permanent identification prior to release into the community – if there are any holes/gaps, why the gaps exist and how can we bridge the gaps so that inmates are ready to assimilate back into the community and secure employment and residence upon being released.

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4. Restoration of civil rights for various non-violent felonies: studying the restoration of limited civil rights (gun ownership, etc.) to persons convicted of specific non-violent felonies.
5. Issues surrounding Rape Kit Processing.

Thank you in advance for your efforts. We look forward to hearing from you in the fall.

Sincerely,



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President of the Senate
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