

# Potential Interim Study Items

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## Legislative Management Committee Approved

### COVID Related

- Study requiring financial institutions to provide flexibility to customers regarding deferring payments and late fees.
- Study relaxing restaurant alcohol policies.
- Study providing assistance to small businesses with their rent or mortgage.
- Study strengthening consumer protections.

### Non COVID Related

- **Prescribed medical foods:** study policies to establish authority of physicians to prescribe medical foods, require insurers to qualify medical food coverage for prescribed medical foods, and establish pharmacists' authority to fill prescriptions for medical foods.
- **Surgical smoke:** study requiring surgical facilities to develop policies to evacuate surgical smoke.
- **Physician Assistants:** study physician assistant's scope of practice.
- **Building Code:** review political subdivisions' application of building code standards.
- **Unreinforced Masonry (URM) disclosure:** study requiring disclosure in the sale of a home if the home is a URM because of an earthquake hazard.
- **Accessory Dwelling Units:** study how Utah could increase the supply of housing by allowing a broader adoption of Accessory Dwelling Units in pre-existing housing. Building codes for older homes often make it prohibitively expensive for a homeowner to retrofit their home to rent a portion of the home. Many homes that used to have seven or eight inhabitants (all of a single family) may now only have an older couple. If they were more easily able to rent a portion of their home, they would be able to have income and stay in the home longer, and the increase in housing "supply" would slow the increase of the cost of housings.
- **Alcohol related policies:** study online ordering and in store pick-up for DABC and the alcoholic beverage arena in general. The committee will also study changing the funding mechanism for DABC.
- Study the anti-boycott, divestment, sanctions (BDS) movement and how to prohibit government entities from contracting with a person that boycotts the State of Israel.
- Study issues relating to a prevailing wage.

## Additional Items for Consideration

- Study the constraints that restrict the medical cannabis and kratom industries from conducting normal business banking and financial operations due to the risk of breaking federal banking laws.