

**MASTER STUDY RESOLUTION**

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO ASSIGN TO THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ITEMS OF STUDY; AND REQUESTING A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE IN THE 2000 ANNUAL GENERAL SESSION.

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

WHEREAS the Legislative Management Committee is created by law as a permanent committee to receive and assign matters for the interim study of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS the 53rd Legislature has determined that certain legislative issues require additional investigation and study:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Management Committee assign to the appropriate interim committee the duty to study and make recommendations for legislative action they consider necessary to the 53rd Legislature in the 2000 Annual General Session, or earlier if indicated, from, but not limited to, the following items of study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Management Committee, in making study assignments from this list and in approving study requests for individual committees, give due regard to the available time of legislators and the budget and capacity of staff to respond adequately to the number and complexity of the assignments given.

1. Attorney General's Budget - to study the structure of the attorney general's budget and their ability to interagency bill; consider funding the attorney general's budget directly; and consider eliminating the potential for the attorney general to separately bill and receive funds from a state agency.

2. Bills with Fiscal Impact - to study the process governing the handling of bills with fiscal impact and ways to improve it.

3. Budget Process Restructuring - to study whether to grant subcommittees final approval of the budget for its area based on the level of the funds provided to it by the Executive Appropriations Committee.

4. Department Budget Structure - to study whether department budgets should be done as one line item with quarterly reports, and whether to provide departments incentives for savings to be used as employee compensation.
5. Economic Criteria Used in Fiscal Notes - to study a change in fiscal notes that would include probable response of taxpayers and business to the proposed changes.
6. Emergency Medical Services for Persons not Covered - to study whether to authorize an appropriation to provide emergency medical services to persons not qualified for Medicaid or the Utah Medical Assistance Program.
7. Funding for Division of Oil, Gas and Mining - to study alternative funding mechanisms for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.
8. Oil and Gas Conservancy Fund - to study solutions to remedy the lack of money in the fund.
9. Requiring Health Care Benefits - to study procurement code requirements of health care benefits for employees. (SB 37)
10. State Employee Pay Equity and Pay Plans - to study whether to provide for pay equity hiring practices and require changes in the method for determining pay plans. (HB 360)
11. Tobacco Settlement Fund Use - to study and determine the best use of a portion of the tobacco settlement funds to deter tobacco use among both youth and adults.
12. Tobacco Settlement Monies - to study the appropriation of tobacco settlement monies. (HB 306)
13. Utah Geological Survey Funding - to study mechanisms for funding of the Utah Geological Survey during times of Mineral Lease money shortfalls.
14. Ways and Means Committee - to study the desirability of having a ways and means committee in the state's appropriation process.
15. Affordable Housing - to study options for state and local governments to finance affordable housing development and preservation.
16. Business Assistance, Retention, and Recruitment Programs - to study whether current amounts spent on the programs are appropriate, whether they overlap, and the nature of program

administration.

17. Compensation for Loss of Medical Coverage - to study whether to compensate family members for the loss of medical coverage as a result of a work-related injury of a parent.

18. Consumer Credit - to study issues related to consumer credit information. (SB 168)

19. Consumer Credit File Cleanup - to study consumer credit file cleanup after an identity theft, and related consumer credit changes.

20. Credit Cards - to study trial periods for credit cards.

21. Disclosure of Land Hazards - to study whether to require real estate agents and contractors to disclose to home buyers information regarding hazards such as fault lines or flood fields.

22. Economic Impacts of the Olympics - to study ways to appropriately apply any positive economic impacts of the Olympics which would include consideration of the timing, category, and accuracy of projected benefits.

23. Incentives for Drug-Free Workplace Programs - to study incentives (insurance premium reductions, tax credits) for Utah businesses which adopt and implement drug-free workplace policies and programs.

24. License Renewal Notification - to study notification requirements needed to make the public aware when they have not met license renewal requirements.

25. Licensed Hospice and Home Health Agencies - to study whether to require a health insurer to contract with a hospice, home health agency, or supplier of durable medical goods that is willing to accept the insurer's terms. (SB 233)

26. Licensing of Limousine Services - to study whether limousine or related services should be licensed or regulated in Utah.

27. Lien Recovery Fund Cap - to study the effect of placing a cap on amounts that can be recovered from the fund and the payment of attorney's fees from the fund.

28. Liquor Laws Governing Serving at Events - to study liquor laws for serving alcohol at banquets and catered events.

29. Liquor Package Agency Contracts - to study whether to provide for cost-of-living

adjustments under package agency agreements. (HB 376)

30. Mechanics Lien Law - to study the effectiveness of the Mechanics Lien Law.
31. Mobile Home Owners and Park Owners - to study and review the relationships between mobile home owners and mobile home park owners.
32. Mortgage Lenders - to study the regulation of mortgage lenders.
33. Motor Fuel Marketing Act - to study issues related to the Motor Fuel Marketing Act.
34. Mutual Savings Banks - to study issues related to mutual savings banks.
35. Nonprofit Recodification - to study the recodification of nonprofit corporation statutes.
36. On-Premise Liquor License - to study whether to grant an on-premise banquet license for qualified applicants serving at certain banquet events and in connection with room service, and have the Liquor Commission report to the appropriate interim committee on the issue by October 1999. (HB 345)
37. Pawnbrokers - to study the effectiveness of current legislation governing pawnbrokers, including any enforcement issues, needs of law enforcement, and the potential need for an electronic statewide database.
38. Protection for Consumers of Health Insurance - to study the establishment of certain protections for consumers regarding health insurance coverage. (HB 347)
39. Rest Breaks and Meal Periods - to study whether the state should pass legislation to require businesses to give employees rest breaks and meal periods.
40. Truth in Network Marketing - to study ways to provide protection for the public against various "get rich quick" marketing campaigns.
41. Uniform Partnership Act - to study amending some of the legal presumptions of partnership law so that a partnership is a separate legal entity, not merely an aggregate of partners.
42. Use of State Insurance Database - to study the state insurance database as it relates to uninsured motorists and out of state registered vehicles. (1 Sub HB 115)
43. Winery License Laws - to study operational restrictions on winery licensees. (SB 205)
44. Administrator Teaching Requirement - to study whether to require administrators with teaching certificates to teach a minimum of one period per year or one class.

45. Board of Regents Oversight of Student Instruction - to study the appropriate ratio of adjunct to full-time faculty at the state's community colleges. (SB 13)
46. Career Ladder Performance Awards - to study various awards for teacher performance. (HB 120)
47. Criteria for Free Services - to study the application of the criteria for receiving a free school lunch to other services and benefits.
48. Dress Codes in Schools - to study the use of dress codes, which may include uniforms in schools. (HB 342)
49. Elementary School Counselors - to study the use of early identification and intervention counselors for elementary schools.
50. Extra-Curricular Activities - to study extra-curricular activities, including cost, transportation, time out of school, miles traveled, region alignments, and sportsmanship.
51. Fee Waivers in Public Schools - to study whether to require a verification of income before permitting a fee waiver.
52. Formula for Education - to study a systematic framework for public education that includes: 1) accountability for educational objectives, systematic reporting, fiscal planning, self-determination, and budget-related expenditures; 2) educational adequacy of an operational definition for public education, including where the state is now and where it should be; 3) an understanding of ways to implement best educational practices; and 4) preventative objectives that include brain research, pre-kindergarten programs, and parental involvement.
53. Funding in Higher Education - to study funding in higher education with consideration of ways to provide funding by a formula.
54. High School Extra-Curricular Sports - to study and review the need for and feasibility of expanding or establishing intramural sports programs in high school. (SB 193)
55. Impact of Teacher and Administrator Professional Development - to study and identify the characteristics of successful teacher and administrator professional development and impact on classroom applications.
56. Performance-based Public School Reform Models - to study and review several of the

more successful "whole-school" performance-based public reform models used throughout the country, determine their effectiveness, and make recommendations for their implementation in the Utah public schools.

57. Public Education Capital Outlay Act - to study potential changes to the Public Education Capital Outlay Act.

58. Public Education Testing - to study pre and post testing in public education.

59. Reading Skills - to study the assessment of early reading skills.

60. Salt Lake and Tooele County ATC Funding - to study the best procedure to provide funding for the new Salt Lake and Tooele County Applied Technology Centers.

61. School Choice Laws in Public Education - to study intradistrict choice where students may chose to attend a school within their resident district that is outside their regular school boundaries.

62. School Environments - to study and review school environments, conditions, and tools needed in public schools that will offer every student an opportunity to learn.

63. School Innovations - to study ways to offer rewards for proposing innovations and successful ideas in public education and providing sanctions for failure.

64. Seatbelts in School Buses - to study whether to limit the number of children per bus seat based on age or size, or overall limits on the number of children permitted on a bus.

65. Stabilizing Tuition Increases - to study tuition rate increases at institutions of higher education and review ways that these rates can be stabilized to make attendance more accessible to all Utah residents.

66. Status of Utah Valley State College - to study whether Utah Valley State College's status should be changed to a university.

67. Success of School Initiatives - to study and review those initiatives for schools that have been implemented in Utah during the past decade, determine how successful they have been, and make proposals for things that could have been done better.

68. Teacher Pay Plans - to study teacher pay plans that include compensation for advanced skills, professional development, and student achievement.

69. Volunteer Teachers in Public Schools - to study how to encourage volunteers with significant life experiences to teach in public schools.

70. Aeronautical Operations Consolidation - to study ways to consolidate the aeronautical operations of the state under one department instead of the current three.

71. Annual Leave Accrual for State Employees - to study whether to allow state employees to convert excess accumulated annual leave into deferred compensation plan contributions. (2nd Sub HB 164)

72. Application of Various State Laws During the Olympics - to study what, if any, modifications to state law are appropriate during the Olympics to accommodate athletes and visitors, including professional licensing, business licensing, security, food inspection, and financial services.

73. Boards and Commissions - to study issues related to boards and commissions.

74. Citizen Participation in Government - to study issues related to citizen participation in government. (SB 27, 1st Sub SB 27)

75. Closed Elections - to study the need for closed primary elections.

76. Coordination of State Efforts to Provide Services to Visitors - to study what, if any, services, goods, or volunteers the state may want to provide in coordination with SLOC in welcoming visitors to the Olympics and in involving the citizens of the state in cultural or educational activities.

77. Coordination with Local Government - to study how the state can appropriately cooperate with local governments as a partner in hosting the Olympics, e.g. identification of tax revenue that can help offset cost of services, involvement of citizens in cultural and educational activities, status of the indemnification agreement as it relates to the Salt Lake City in its role as host city, and related issues.

78. Cost-Benefit Analysis of Administrative Rules - to study the feasibility of requiring agencies to do a cost-benefit analysis on all rules.

79. E-mail Disclosure Under GRAMA - to study whether to change GRAMA to reflect that the person in charge of the server is not the custodian of record for a GRAMA request, and related electronic GRAMA issues.

80. Election Commission - to study the creation of an independent, nonpartisan election commission. (SB 36)

81. Employee Leave and Temporary Replacement - to study ways to place a state or local government employee who is ill on leave and appoint a replacement until the employee can return to work. (1 Sub HB 184)

82. Identification and Funding of Necessary State Services - to study services that state agencies will need to provide prior to and during the Olympics, the legitimacy and appropriate level of state agency appropriations requests, ways that increased revenue resulting from economic activity of the Olympics can be timed and directed to those agencies that will be impacted, and the role of the state Olympic officer in coordinating agency requests and providing information to the legislative appropriations subcommittees.

83. Initiative Petitions Before the Legislature - to study the process for dealing with an initiative petition once it reaches the Legislature, ways to make technical changes so the petition is constitutional, and how to structure hearings and give the bill legislative consideration.

84. Initiative Removal - to study the removal of the right to submit initiatives to the Legislature.

85. Labor Organization Political Funds - to study whether to require labor organizations to establish a separate fund, with registration and disclosure requirements, for political purposes.

86. Personnel Management Act Modifications - to study the Utah Personnel Management Act to provide flexibility for the adoption of technology and management discretion and update and clarify basic merit system tenets for the state's workforce.

87. Post Olympics Operations - to study whether after the Olympics, when SLOC is essentially disbanded, there will be adequate procedures in place to collect revenue needed to guarantee payments due to the state after the games, 2003-2005, and whether SLOC's cash flow will be adequate to meet its contractual obligations to the state and others.

88. Private Property Ombudsman Review Group - to study the formation of an ad hoc committee to study and make recommendations regarding the Office of Private Property Ombudsman and ways to insure fairness.



89. Referendum Process - to study Utah's referendum process, particularly comparing state and local processes.

90. Referring Proposed Legislation to Voters - to study a proposal for a constitutional amendment to allow the Legislature to refer proposed legislation to the voters for their acceptance or rejection.

91. Role of the State in Supporting and Promoting Winter Sports After the 2002 Olympic Games - to study the appropriate role, if any, of the state in funding, promoting, supporting, or attracting athletic events or facilities in the future; the possibility of realistic and verifiable economic development benefits from funding, promoting, supporting, or attracting athletic events and facilities; the potential for increased liability if the state funds, promotes, supports, or attracts athletic events or facilities in the future; the percentage of state residents that would actually benefit from state support of athletic events and facilities; the state's relationship to the Utah Athletic Foundation; and the adequacy of the \$40 million Legacy Fund.

92. SLOC Revenues - to study the source, timing, reliability, financial soundness, security position, and contractual status of SLOC's projected revenues and expenses including SLOC's obligations to reimburse the state and local governments \$59 million of sales and use tax diversions, pay the Utah Athletic Foundation the \$40 million Legacy Fund and its share of any post-Olympic profit, pay the state approximately \$32 million to retire bonds used to help pay for construction of university housing that will be used for the Olympics, pay the University of Utah approximately \$8.35 million for stadium construction, and pay the state for any other contractual agreement for property or services.

93. Unfair Competition - to study options for dealing with unfair government competition with the private sector.

94. Uniform Unclaimed Property Act - to study a system for transferring intangible personal property and personal property held by a person other than the rightful owner to the state when the property is abandoned.

95. Waivers of Immunity - to study certain exceptions to the government's waivers of immunity. (SB 183)

96. Access to Health Care Facilities - to study how the availability and pricing of rural health care services can be extended to nonaffiliated managed care organizations. (SB 48)
97. Alimony and Child Support - to study the alimony and child support services of the Office of Recovery Services.
98. Arbitration for Medical Providers - to study requirements for arbitration agreements between patients and health care providers.
99. Child Abuse and Neglect - to study provisions relating to child abuse and neglect. (HB 133)
100. Custody of Children by Grandparents - to study the custody of children by grandparents when the parents do not care for them.
101. Disease Testing of Emergency Medical Services Providers - to study the development of a faster process for testing workers with a significant risk of exposure.
102. End-of-Life Care - to study ways to improve end-of-life care in Utah.
103. Foster Care Tuition Waiver - to study the granting of a long term foster care tuition waiver.
104. Health Care Providers - to study amendments to health care provider statutes.
105. Health Inspections of Dental Offices - to study the adequacy of current licensing standards for protecting public health in modern dental offices.
106. Massage Therapists and Physical Therapists - to study issues related to massage therapists and physical therapists. (HB 147)
107. Medicaid Wavers - to study Medicaid issues for children with disabilities.
108. Medical Examiner - to study the functions of the state medical examiner.
109. Obesity - to study issues related to obesity as a health problem.
110. Parental Rights Related to Child Custody - to study and review the Division of Child and Family Services implementation of child custody laws and rules.
111. Penalties for Crimes of DCFS Employees - to study penalties for DCFS employees investigating allegations of abuse who commit perjury, fabricate evidence, or other crimes related to the investigation.

112. Portability of Funding in Health and Human Services - to study the combining of certain functions currently within the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to increase the portability of funding for services provided or funded through each department.

113. Postadoption Contracts - to study postadoption contracts between a child and birth parent. (HB 335)

114. Premarital Education - to study the best way to provide premarital education, especially to those being married for the first time or for those having had failed marriages. (HB 58)

115. Asset Forfeiture - to study changes to asset forfeiture law, including use of forfeited property or proceeds. (HB 127, 1st Sub HB 127)

116. Bail Bond Solicitation Restrictions - to study a prohibition on soliciting clients for bail bond companies if the person is a peace officer, judge, constable, or a member of their immediate family.

117. Bail Bond Surety Enforcement - to study procedures to enforce bail bond surety licensing act provisions.

118. Cohabitant Abuse - to study various legal requirements in cohabitant abuse cases. (1st Sub SB 208)

119. Drug and Blood Alcohol Testing Procedures and Protocols - to study ways to allow for testing while maintaining individual rights and assuring against human and other errors.

120. Drug Convictions and Child Custody - to study whether to provide that if a parent is convicted of any drug-related offense, it can be grounds for removing a child from the home.

121. Forfeiture Laws - to study the procedures and scope of application of forfeiture laws.

122. Hate Crimes - to study definitions and penalties for hate crimes.

123. Immunity for Donated Prescriptions - to study the extension of immunity from civil suit to health care providers and pharmaceutical companies that donate prescriptions for humanitarian or charitable purposes.

124. Impeachment and Removal From Office - to study constitutional amendments regarding impeachment and removal from office.

125. Inheritance for "Dead-beat Dads" - to study whether to prevent "dead-beat dads" from

inheriting when their minor child dies.

126. Justice Court Judges - to study the feasibility of allowing Justice Court judges who have legal training to hear class A misdemeanors.

127. Juvenile Assault Penalties - to study approaches to increasing penalties for subsequent assaults by juveniles.

128. Juvenile Expungements - to study the expungement of juvenile records and related policy questions.

129. Juvenile Justice Audit - to study the findings of the Juvenile Justice Audit and the best ways to implement them.

130. Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act - to study updates to current law to bring it into compliance with the federal Parental Kidnaping Prevention Act, which limits child custody jurisdiction to one state and provides enforcement provisions for child custody orders.

131. Uniform Principal and Income Act - to study procedures for trustees administering an estate in separating principal from income and to ensure the intent of the trust creator is the guiding principle for trustees.

132. Vote on Retention of Judges - to study whether to authorize the Legislature to require higher than a majority vote for approval of a retention question.

133. Year 2000 Immunity - to study issues related to immunity for potential year 2000 concerns.

134. Aggressive Driving - to study problems arising from increasing incidents of "road rage" or "aggressive driving," and the need for stronger tools to deal with the issue. (HB 22)

135. Car Theft - to study ways to help reduce car theft.

136. Cleanup of Toxic Contamination From Illegal Drug Laboratories - to study issues relating to the cleanup of toxic contamination from illegal drug manufacturing sites.

137. Emergency Response Commission - to study the purpose and duties of the Emergency Response Commission.

138. Forfeitures Related to Sexual Offenses Against Children - to study whether to provide for the forfeiture of computers, computer equipment, and personal property used in the sexual

exploitation or abuse of a minor. (HB 267)

139. Inmate Access to Family Information - to study whether to continue to allow prison inmates access to the insurance claims database as a means of tracking family activity.

140. Law Enforcement Costs of the Olympics - to study how to pay for the law enforcement costs of the Olympics, particularly the counties' share of costs. (SB 206)

141. Officers' Bill of Rights - to study legislation to establish a law enforcement officers' bill of rights.

142. Private Prisons - to study issues related to prison privatization.

143. Public Safety District - to study the establishment of a county-wide public safety district that preserves local identity while consolidating testing, hiring, and other services.

144. Public Safety Fees - to study fees collected by the Department of Public Safety.

145. Questioning of Juvenile Detainees - to study whether juveniles who are detained can be questioned without the presence of a parent, guardian, or an adult the juvenile knows and trusts, who will help the juvenile to make decisions.

146. Strip Searches - to study issues related to access to strip searches.

147. FACT Meeting - to study the date for the FACT Joint Legislative Group meeting. (JR 3.06)

148. Task Force and Committee Funding - to study the funding of task forces and committees, i.e. who should be compensated for attending a task force meeting, and whether the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst or the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel should be included in the compensation or fiscal note portion of a bill.

149. Burial of Transmission Lines - to study issues relating to the burial of electric transmission lines.

150. Cleanup of Contamination By Responsible Parties - to study ways to increase the ability of responsible parties to clean up soil or groundwater contamination, and protect them from the consequences of vandalism to their cleanup equipment.

151. Damage to Great Salt Lake - to study and determine responsibility for the damage being done to the Great Salt Lake because of the railroad and the clogging of the culverts.

152. Loan of Business Equipment - to study whether to amend the Utah Dairy Act to allow ice cream cabinets to be loaned to a retailer under certain conditions. (SB 109)

153. Park Service Fee - to study whether to charge a fee for use of state parks that goes to the local county to mitigate costs of providing services to the park area.

154. Posting of Private Property for Hunting - to study when property owners should be required to post no trespassing signs on their land.

155. Public Land Management - to study and determine mechanisms that provide coordinated and unified management of all publicly-owned lands along the Jordan River in Salt Lake and Utah Counties.

156. Reuse of Residential Graywater - to study the development and implementation of rules for the reuse of residential graywater in subsurface irrigation applications in areas with or without centralized sewage treatment facilities.

157. Soldier Hollow - to study the post-Olympic maintenance and operation of the cross-country and biathlon venue at Soldier Hollow in the Wasatch Mountain State Park.

158. Statewide Recycling - to study a statewide consumer incentive to recycle plastic and glass beverage bottles.

159. Waste Management in Housing Units - to study potential requirements for waste management in housing units.

160. Waste Water Management - to study the use of septic tank systems and drainfields, particularly in highly impacted large development areas.

161. Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System Options - to study the development and implementation of rules to facilitate acceptance, use, and maintenance of advanced onsite wastewater treatment and disposal system options (decentralized wastewater management) in order to maintain future development and groundwater protection.

162. Weed Control Appropriation - to study whether an appropriation should be made to the Department of Agriculture and Food for biological control of noxious weeds.

163. Wildlife and Personal Property Damage - to study the use of rewards for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for the destruction of wildlife and personal property

including livestock in rural areas of the state.

164. Wildlife Damage Bounty - to study the possibility of a bounty for wildlife damage control to protect wildlife and livestock.

165. Altering the Number of County Commissioners - to study whether to allow counties operating under a county commission form of government to increase the number of commissioners.

166. Annexation of Unincorporated Areas - to study whether to allow an unincorporated area to annex to a city without the possibility of protest or a rejection by the city if the city's tax rate is lower than the unincorporated area.

167. Duties of County Recorder - to study the duties of the city recorder, including defining the purpose and functions of the office of county recorder.

168. Impact Fees - to study whether to modify the requirements for imposing impact fees. (3rd Sub HB 114)

169. Irrigation System Immunity - to study whether private ditch and canal owner's and irrigation companies should be held harmless when others use their irrigation delivery systems to dispose of storm drainage or for any other use for which the systems were not intended.

170. Local Referendum Process - to study possible changes to the local referendum process to make it similar to the statewide process.

171. Optional Forms of County Government - to study the transition to a new form of county government.

172. Subdivision Law Amendments - to study changes to subdivision law, including the definition of subdivision. (HB 90)

173. Voiding of Deeds by Local Governments - to study whether local governments should be allowed to declare a deed void that, in their view, creates an "illegal" subdivision.

174. Water Delivery Systems - to study whether developers and municipalities should be required to handle their own tail water or get approval from private ditch or canal owners or irrigation companies before using their delivery systems.

175. Digital State - to study what a "digital state" is and how Utah may encourage progress in that direction.

176. Pricing New Telecommunications Services - to study whether to require a new public telecommunications service that is not competitive to be subject to tariff requirements, and to provide criteria for pricing flexibility for any new public telecommunications service. (HB 373)
177. Telecommunication Competition - to study recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings regarding telecommunications competition for their impact on Utah.
178. Telecommunication Definitions - to study the definition of telecommunication provider and reseller.
179. Telecommunication Price Freeze - to study a telecommunication price freeze related to extended area service.
180. Utility Mergers - to study the implications, cost, and benefits of a Utah regulated utility merging with a foreign-held power company.
181. Utility Refunds - to study how any refund ordered by the Public Service Commission may be allocated, what effect refunds have on the franchise tax collected by cities, and how that may be mitigated if necessary.
182. Consolidated Retirement System - to study the implementation of a consolidated retirement system.
183. Optional Defined Contribution Retirement Plan - to study whether to allow an optional defined contribution retirement plan instead of only a defined benefit retirement plan, and to give control over choice of investments to the employee.
184. Automobile Sales Tax - to study the sales tax treatment of private sales and trades of automobiles.
185. County Property Tax Deferral - to study whether to allow counties to defer property taxes, and mechanisms for offsetting county revenue losses as a result of property tax deferrals, including an authorization for counties to borrow monies or issue bonds. (HB 318)
186. Disclosure of Expenditures - to study state disclosure of tax expenditures.
187. Drug Rehabilitation Tax Credit - to study an individual income tax credit for drug rehabilitation.
188. Equalization of Local Option Tax Rates - to study equalization of local option tax rates



such as transportation, tort liability, recreation and property tax rates to eliminate funding disparities for public education.

189. Exemption From Rollback Taxes - to study exemptions from rollback taxes when agricultural land is acquired by a county, city, or town for conservation purposes. (HB 98)

190. Income Tax Rebracketing - to study the rebracketing of Utah income taxes to increase fairness.

191. Local Property Tax Exemption - to study the granting of local property tax exemptions to owners that do not receive services for the tax and are receiving services from a different government entity to prevent double taxation. (SB 176 and SB 235)

192. Native American Tax Issue - to study taxes as they relate to Native Americans both on and off a reservation.

193. Personal Property Tax Shift - to study the shift of personal property taxes to corporate income taxes.

194. Property Tax Exemption on Residential Lots - to study the expanding of the residential lot size for applying the property tax residential exemption.

195. Residential Property Tax - to study the residential property tax exemption. (HB 28)

196. Sales Tax Recovery - to study how to recover sales tax revenues from catalog and internet sales.

197. Tax Credit for Brine Shrimp - to study a sales tax and fuel tax credit for the brine shrimp industry. (HB 348)

198. Tax Credit for Rehabilitating Commercial Use Buildings - to study individual and corporate income tax credits for rehabilitating commercial use buildings. (SB 166)

199. Tax Exemption Loophole Related to Dependents With Disabilities - to study ways to close the loophole that prevents parents from receiving a tax exemption when their disabled dependent receives individualized services under the 504 plan instead of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

200. Taxation of Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee - to study the taxation of hotel accommodations, Olympic merchandise, admission to events, vehicle rentals, construction supplies,

catering supplies and food, billboards, rental of public facilities, etc., including consideration of impacts on the state and local government tax base.

201. Valuation of Homes - to study valuing homes on their date of acquisition rather than at their present market value and to examine the constitutional and statutory changes needed to put into effect an acquisition date system.

202. Airport Funding - to study issues related to airport funding.

203. Current Shortages in the State Transportation Fund - to study ways to resolve state Transportation Fund shortfalls.

204. Daytime Headlight Use - to study potential requirements for use of headlights during daylight hours.

205. Highway Preservation - to study long-range state highway corridor preservation.

206. Longitudinal Access to Interstate Highways - to study the granting of certain telecommunication access to rights-of-way on the interstate highway system. (SB 150, SB 153)

207. Road Development Coordination - to study how UDOT and Utah communities can cooperate in road development and administration.

208. Child Care Needs of TANF Recipients - to study the child care needs of TANF recipients, and child care as a barrier to employment.

209. Child Care Training - to study ways to improve training for child care providers.

210. Child Care Turnover - to study ways to reduce child care provider turnover.

211. Children with Special Needs - to study child care for special needs children.

212. Fingerprint Imaging - to study fingerprint imaging, which is used in a number of states to avoid welfare fraud.

213. Impact of Income Guidelines on Self-Sufficiency - to study the effect of not changing the income guidelines for FEP eligibility on efforts of FEP participants to become self-sufficient.

214. Multiple Barriers to Ending Cash Assistance - to study and review the multiple barriers public assistance clients experience in getting off FEP cash assistance.

215. Payments to Child Care Providers - to study the use of direct payments to child care providers.

216. TANF Extension - to study whether TANF recipients who have an infant should receive an extension of their benefit time limit.

217. TANF Funds for Transportation - to study the use of TANF funds (up to \$2 million) made available to assist Department of Workforce Services clients with transportation needs.

218. Internet Addresses - to study the legal status of internet addresses, how they are managed, and their use by the public.

219. Digital Network - to study economic and regulatory barriers, internet service provider access to cable television networks, and the regulatory parity/disparity between telecommunications providers.

220. Public Safety Consolidation Within Counties - to study the advisability of consolidating public safety operations within counties in an effort to enhance uniform and countywide crime fighting plans.

221. Block Grant Funding in Lieu of Line Item Budgeting for Public Education - to study whether to significantly reduce or eliminate line item budgeting for public education and require the State Office of Education to provide block grant funding to local school districts, with appropriate standards, safeguards and reporting requirements, in order to allow school districts to address their own individualized needs and to more fully empower parents, teachers, and community councils.

222. Study of Constitution in Schools - to study the feasibility of including in the statewide curriculum a week of study known as "Constitutional Week" in which the students study the constitution and participate in projects designed to increase understanding and appreciation of the efforts of the Founding Fathers.

223. Consolidation of Interpreter Resources for the Blind - to study the feasibility of combining all interpreters for the blind under one program or pool accessible by both the school districts and the USDB in an effort to equalize salary disparity and provide for the changing needs of the interpreters.

224. Judges - to study the selection, retention, discipline, and removal of judges.

225. Child Custody and Alimony - to study child custody and alimony.

226. Consolidation of Fees - to study consolidation of fees.

227. Welfare Fraud and Child Abuse in Socially Isolated Communities - to study welfare fraud and child abuse in socially isolated communities.