

TASK FORCE ON LEGISLATIVE REFORM

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: J. Morgan Philpot

This act creates the Task Force on Legislative Reform. This act specifies membership, duties, and powers of the task force. This act appropriates \$29,500 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2002-03 to fund the task force. This act repeals the task force on November 30, 2003.

This act enacts uncoded material.

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

Section 1. Task Force on Legislative Reform -- Creation -- Membership -- Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff.

(1) There is created the Task Force on Legislative Reform consisting of the following 12 members:

(a) four members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party; and

(b) eight members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than four of whom may be from the same political party.

(2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

(3) A majority of the members of the task force is a quorum.

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

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



Section 2. **Duties -- Ability to create subcommittees.**

(1) The task force shall study:

(a) the effectiveness of and potential changes to:

(i) the appropriations process; and

(ii) the interim process;

(b) the current status of constituent services and recommendations for improvement;

(c) the current status of legislative staff and its role in legislators' efficiency and effectiveness;

(d) Legislature funding and legislator compensation; and

(e) major areas of negative impact on the perception of legislator integrity.

(2) In conducting the study, the task force shall review how other states, particularly other western states, address those issues.

(3) The task force may create subcommittees.

Section 3. **Appropriation.**

There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2002-03, a one-time appropriation of:

(1) \$5,000 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the task force;

(2) \$9,500 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses of representatives on the task force; and

(3) \$15,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for staffing the task force.

Section 4. **Repeal date.**

This act is repealed November 30, 2003.

Legislative Review Note

as of 2-14-03 9:16 AM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Fiscal Note**Task Force on Legislative Reform***18-Feb-03***Bill Number: HB0363***1:07 PM*

Provisions of this bill appropriates \$29,500 from the General Fund in FY 2003. The funds will be distributed \$5,000 to the Senate, \$9,500 to the House of Representatives, and \$15,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

	<u>FY 03 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 03 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 04 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 04 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 05 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 05 Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$29,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$29,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst