MASTER STUDY RESOLUTION
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LONG TITLE

General Description:
This joint resolution of the Legislature gives the Legislative Management Committee items of study it may assign to the appropriate interim committee.

Highlighted Provisions:
This resolution:
- gives the Legislative Management Committee items of study it may assign to the appropriate interim committee during the 2010 legislative interim;
- directs interim committees assigned these studies to study and make recommendations for legislative action to the 59th Legislature before the 2011 Annual General Session; and
- suggests that the Legislative Management Committee, in approving studies, give consideration to the available time of legislators and the budget and capacity of staff to respond to the assigned studies.

Special Clauses:
None

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 by committees of the Legislature; and
WHEREAS, the 58th Legislature has determined that certain legislative issues require additional investigation and study:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Management Committee is given the following items of study to assign to the appropriate interim committee with the duty to study and make recommendations for legislative action to the 59th Legislature before the 2011 Annual General Session.

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 consideration 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. Alcohol Licensing - to study alcohol licensing by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
2. Alcohol Storage - to study the refrigerated storage of heavy beers.
3. Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and Restaurant Licenses - to study restaurant related licenses issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (H.B. 223).
4. Annuities - to study issues related to annuity regulation.
5. Anti-discrimination in Housing and the Workplace - to study whether and how to provide for protections against discrimination in the workplace and housing based on sexual orientation.
6. Armed Guard Licensure - to study whether armed guard licensure should be moved from the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to the Bureau of Criminal Identification.
7. Commodities - to study commodity money issues.
8. Common Interest Ownership - to study the repealing and enacting of laws related to common interest ownership (H.B. 399).
9. Construction Licenses - to study potential amendments to construction license laws.
10. Construction Registry and Liens - to study issues related to the Utah Mechanics’ Lien law, the lien recovery fund, and the state construction registry.
11. Continuing Education Requirements - to study the number of hours of continuing
education needed to retain a trade license.

12. Contractor Database - to study issues related to the independent contractor database.

13. Contractor Licensing - to study issues related to independent contractor licensing.

14. Credit Scores and Auto Insurance Rates - to study the use of credit scores in determining auto insurance rates.

15. Disclosure of Methamphetamine Contaminated Property - to study whether to require an owner or lessor who obtains information that would lead a reasonable person to believe that property is or may be contaminated from methamphetamines to exercise reasonable diligence to determine whether the property is contaminated to require the owner or lessor to report the contamination (H.B. 190).

16. Disproportionate Rental Fee - to study whether to prohibit municipalities from excluding landlords from participating in a good landlord program, under which the landlord qualifies for a disproportionate rental fee reduction, based on the landlord accepting tenants with no more than one felony conviction (H.B. 220).

17. Gender Rating in the Individual Insurance Market - to study whether removing the gender rating raises premiums in the individual insurance market, what the gender gap premiums look like in Utah, and the results and lessons to be learned from states that have disallowed gender rating.

18. Handyman Code - to study needed revisions to the state's current handyman code.

19. Holding Construction Funds in Trust - to study whether to require contractors and subcontractors to hold construction funds in trust (H.B. 272).

20. Housing and Employment Protections - to study the consequences of implementing certain local ordinances on a state level that give specific protections in employment and housing to LGBT individuals.

21. Impact of Misclassifying Workers as Independent Contractors - to study the misclassification of workers as independent contractors rather than employees to determine the prevalence of the practice in Utah and the impact on the state of:
a. workers being denied the protections and benefits of employee status, like workers' compensation insurance coverage;
b. employers failing to make Social Security, Medicare, and unemployment insurance payments and ignoring labor standards like paying overtime, minimum wages, or other employee benefits; and
c. law-abiding businesses who properly classify workers as employees yet have higher costs, being subjected to unfair competition from businesses who achieve low costs by intentionally misclassifying their workers.

22. Insurance Code - to study the organization and terminology of the state's Insurance Code.

23. Laser Centers - to study the regulation of laser centers.

24. Laws Governing Building Contractors - to study and address the need for stronger laws governing building contractors, the over-use of B-100 general contractor licenses in lieu of qualified specialty trade licenses, and the increase in companies classifying their workers as "independent contractors" or using other methods to avoid paying fair wages, workers' compensation insurance, and payroll taxes.

25. Limited Liability Companies - to study LLC's under the Uniform Law format.

26. Mechanical Contractors - to study potential modifications to mechanical contractor licensing laws.

27. Mechanics' Lien Laws - to study mechanics lien laws to determine whether charges are necessary to protect homeowners from liens even though the general contractor is paid in full.

28. Merging Business Entities - to study consistency in the process of merging various business entities.

29. Pharmacy Benefit Managers - to study the licensure and regulation of pharmacy benefit managers (H.B. 135).

30. Professional Engineer Continuing Education - to study whether licensed professional engineers are keeping up with continuing education units and practicing with a
31. Protecting Identity of Children - to study how to provide a mechanism for freezing the credit information of a child (H.B. 387).

32. Real Property Sales Information - to study whether a buyer in a real property sale should have to provide information relating to the sale to the Multicounty Appraisal Trust (H.B. 61 and H.J.R. 7).

33. Seismic Requirements - to study seismic requirements for condominium conversion projects.

34. Special Event Alcohol Sales - to study whether to extend the hours for alcohol sales for special events.


36. School Fee and Supplies - to study amendments to the Utah Constitution regarding school fees and supplies (H.J.R. 25).

37. 12th Grade - to study accelerated high school graduation and increasing the rigor of high school graduation requirements.

38. Board Elimination - to study the elimination of the Board of Regents.

39. Board of Regents Governance Issues - to study whether to choose representatives on the Board of Regents from all regions of the state, and whether the Regents system is the most effective way to govern higher education.

40. Career Status Requirements - to study the career status requirements of school district employees.

41. District Funding - to study funding for small school districts.

42. Early Graduation - to study whether to provide incentives for early graduation.

43. Education Levies - to study the consolidation of education levies.

44. Environmental Design Standards for Schools - to study whether the Utah Board of Education should build schools to the energy and environmental design rating system (LEED) or comparable system.
45. Extended Year Schedules - to study the feasibility of extending school calendars and schedules to increase the enrollment capacity of school buildings.

46. Fundamental Computing Concepts Credit - to study the teaching of higher level technology education classes like fundamental computing concepts so that the .5 credit required in computer technology curriculum does not include keyboarding, but is strictly in computing concepts.

47. Gun Safety Education - to study whether to provide education on gun safety to Utah's children.

48. Hazing Policies - to study issues related to hazing policies for higher education (H.B. 410).

49. Higher Education Governance - to study Board of Regents governance of higher education.

50. Higher Education Program Approval - to study and make recommendations regarding whether the authority to approve academic programs should be moved from the State Board of Regents to higher education institution boards of trustees in order to be more responsive to regional needs.

51. Impact of Decreased Education Funding - to study and determine whether decreases in per pupil spending in Utah schools negatively affects Utah students' test scores and hampers their competitiveness for future employment and education.

52. Impact of Tax Cuts on Education Funding - to study and determine whether income and property tax cuts and diversions are harming Utah's higher and public education funding system.

53. Labor Law Related to Schools - to study why state school districts are exempt from national and state labor laws.

54. Math Education - to study strengthening the math curriculum and math teacher preparation.

55. Online Education Access - to study how to provide better access to online education courses for K-12 students.
56. Payment for Online Courses - to study whether to require school districts to pay for online courses from qualified providers.

57. Public School Innovations - to study how to provide greater flexibility to public schools to meet the educational needs of students, including an innovation plan (H.B. 268).

58. Renewable Energy Class - to study the teaching of a class in math/science or career technology education on how renewable energy generates electricity to prepare students for potential future employment in this area.

59. Replacing Criterion Reference Tests (CRT) - to study whether to replace Criterion Reference Tests with ACT tests, starting with pre-ACT in eighth grade.

60. School District Allocation of IT Budget - to study the disparity between maintenance and salary versus hardware and software; the disparity, within the hardware budget, between administrative overhead and resources actually dedicated to instruction; and the disparity between pay and benefits between school district employment and industry/market standards.

61. School Nutrition and Activity - to study physical activity and nutrition in schools.

62. School Property Tax Equalization - to study whether to repeal the requirement to impose and distribute certain school capital outlay property tax revenues in school districts within a first class county or divided school district (S.B. 87).

63. School Seismic Hazard Inventory - to study whether to require a school district or charter school to conduct a seismic evaluation of each facility used by the district or a charter school and to create a Public School Seismic Safety Committee (S.B. 72).

64. Student Funding - to study the funding of students, not institutions of higher education.

65. Student Loans for Teachers - to study student loan payment assistance for veteran teachers, including tax incentives or assistance through the education system.

66. Teacher Immunity - to study whether to grant teachers partial immunity for actions at school.

67. Teacher Salary Levels - to study whether to make full-time classroom teachers the
highest paid employees of a school district.

68. Veterinary Medicine Program - to study the establishment of a professional veterinary medicine program at USU.

69. Access to Government Records - to study whether a governmental employee's salary should be a public record under GRAMA (1st Sub. H.B. 266).

70. Addresses on State Forms - to study state forms to determine how many have a line for mailing addresses or P.O. boxes.

71. Agriculture Sustainability - to study ways to promote sustainability, including requiring counties to establish an Agriculture Sustainability Investment Fund (H.B. 102).

72. Assisted Housing Waiting Lists - to study the merger of assisted housing waiting lists in counties with more than one housing authority.

73. Ballot Proposition Withdrawal - to study a process to allow sponsors of initiative and referendum petitions to withdraw their application.

74. Bariatric Surgery Coverage - to study whether PEHP can develop a coverage benefit for bariatric surgery that would incur only the same or less cost to the program.

75. Bonding Requirements in State Employment - to study the removal of bonding requirements for certain state officers.

76. Building Utilization and Cost Assessment - to study a building utilization and cost assessment, performed by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, for leased and owned state and higher education buildings.

77. Campaign Contribution Information Requirements - to study the requirement for disclosure of employment data for a person making a campaign contribution.

78. Campaign Contribution Limits - to study whether campaign contribution limits should be implemented and what impact contribution limits have on legislative races.

79. Candidate Vacancies - to study issues related to candidate vacancies.

80. Compact Agreement on Presidential Election - to study whether to enact an agreement among the states to elect the President of the United States by national popular vote (H.B. 297).
81. Conflict between Statute and Constitution Regarding Referendums - to study whether Utah Code Subsection 20A-7-601(3)(b), which appears to conflict with Utah Constitution Article VI, Section 2(b)(ii) regarding referendums, should be amended.

82. Daylight Savings - to study the elimination of Daylight Savings Time.

83. Donating State Property - to study and evaluate state surplus laws to determine whether to donate state computer systems to non-profit organizations.

84. Elected Officials' Funds - to study whether Utah Code Section 52-5-201 is still necessary with all of the other financial disclosure requirements of Utah Code Title 20A, Chapter 11, Campaign and Financial Reporting Requirements.

85. Election Administration by County Clerks - to study whether to require that county clerks administer all elections including state, county, municipality, school district, local district, and special district elections to reduce costs and improve election efficiency, expertise, uniformity, integrity, and voter convenience.

86. Election Code Changes Related to Federal Legislation - to study whether the election code should be modified to reflect the changes made by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act.

87. Election Code Violation Amendments - to study whether to change the election code to include a process for a person to restore the person's right to vote, and whether there should be a penalty if a person who has forfeited the person's right to vote still votes.

88. Election Day Registration - to study the potential merits of election day registration.


90. Email Communications - to study issues related to email communications and the Open and Public Meetings Act (H.B. 415).

91. Ethics Act - to study, review, and update the Public Officers and Employers Ethics Act.
254   92. Local Option Funding - to study local option funding alternatives for urban
255 centers that receive significant commuter or tourist influx and whether additional revenue
256 options are desirable to assist with associated transportation, public safety, or other costs.
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258   93. Municipal Disincorporation - to study changes to statutory provisions governing
259 the disincorporation of a municipality (H.B. 218).
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260   94. Municipal Election Amendments - to study whether a municipality should be
261 required to hold an election if, after the write-in period, candidates on the ballot are
261 unopposed.
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263   95. Non-partisan County Election Code Amendments - to study whether the election
264 code should be changed to address the issues raised by non-partisan county governments.
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265   96. Online Voter Registration - to study online registration and registration updates
265 for voting.
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266   97. Redistricting by Other States - to study how other states conduct and implement
267 the redistricting process.
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269   98. Sole Source Procurement - to study effective ways to provide for competition in a
269 streamlined manner when only one provider may be qualified to perform a government service
270 (S.B. 190).
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271   99. State Construction Apprenticeships - to study whether to require that a percentage
272 of state construction projects include journeyman apprenticeships.
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273   100. Surplus State Vehicle Sales - to study whether to privatize the sale of surplus
274 state vehicles.
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275   101. Use of Electronic Signatures for Petitions - to study whether electronic
276 signatures should be used for initiative and referendum petitions (both statewide and local),
277 political party petitions, and certificate of nomination petitions.
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278   102. Voter Engagement - to study ways to improve voter engagement in Utah (H.B.
279 244, H.B. 368, H.B. 164).
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280   103. Voting by Mail - to study expanding the option for governmental entities to use
281 voting by mail in elections (H.B. 358).
104. Water Banking - to study the banking of water rights administered by a local
district (H.B. 84).
105. Access to Medicaid Benefits - to study how to lower the asset level for pregnant
women to become eligible for Medicaid benefits.
106. Behavioral Treatment System Improvement - to study the delivery of a more
effective treatment system to address the behavioral health treatment needs of children and
youth in the custody of the state.
107. Child Care Licensing - to study the licensing of child care services.
108. Children's Mental Health - to study and consider proposals for consolidating and
coordinating administrative functions within the Department of Human Services and identify
the services necessary to develop an effective home and community-based system of care for
children's mental health.
109. Community-based Mental Health Service Costs - to study how the costs of
community-based mental health services compare to similar services provided in the
 correctional system and in-patient treatment.
110. Debt Collection Related to Medical Treatment - to study bad debt collection for
treatment provided subject to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.
111. Division of Child and Family Services Efficiencies - to study potential
efficiencies in delivering services in the Division of Child and Family Services.
112. End of Life Care - to study issues related to end of life care associated with
Medicaid.
113. Health Care Budgeting Methods - to study and identify a budgeting method to
remove the double counting in Medicaid due to transfers between the Department of Health
and other state agencies.
114. Health Care Mandates Versus Free Market Solutions - to study government
mandates on modified community ratings, coverage, and licensing, and free market
 alternatives.
115. Health Care Payments - to study whether to move away from fee-for-service
payments to pay for quality.

116. Health Coverage for a Legal Immigrant Child - to study whether to provide Medicaid and health insurance coverage to a legal immigrant child regardless of the length of time that the child has been in the United States (2nd Sub. S.B. 44).

117. Health Reform for Utah’s Children - to study state health reform that covers all Utah children.

118. Health Support of Law Enforcement - to study stable funding for Department of Health entities that support law enforcement missions, like the Bureau of Toxicology.

119. Health Underwriting - to study health underwriting by health benefit plans and expanding the ability to exclude certain conditions from coverage.

120. Hospital Emergency Department Use - to study and identify strategies for reducing inappropriate emergency department use and related costs.

121. Income and Asset Testing - to study the rules and policies for income and asset testing related to Medicaid and other welfare programs.

122. Individuals with Disabilities - to study options for meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities who are in crisis, medically fragile, or have significant behavior challenges.

123. Infections - to study health care associated infections.

124. Medicaid Family Planning Services - to study the extension of Medicaid family planning services to low income women.

125. Medicaid Fraud Reporting - to study and explore ways the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Workforce Services could increase public awareness of their fraud reporting systems and encourage the public to report Medicaid fraud.

126. Medicaid Improvements - to study the lessons learned in Medicare that could be applied in the Medicaid program.

127. Medicaid Program Coordination - to study the consolidation or improved coordination of the Medicaid program by the Department of Health, the Department of Human
Services, and the Department of Workforce Services.

128. Medicaid Statutes - to study and review Medicaid statutes for clarification in assigned responsibilities, desired policy direction, and agency interactions, and consider raising all the statutes relating to Medicaid from chapter level to a separate title and consolidating all related statutes within that title.

129. Medical Assistance Asset Test - to study whether to prohibit the use of an asset test in determining the eligibility of a child or an independent foster care adolescent for medical assistance (H.B. 87).

130. Medical Assistance Collections - to study and review a list of options for expansion in the areas of collections, such as requiring insurers to share benefit information for all medical assistance recipients to increase collections and cost avoidance.

131. Medical Benefits Recovery - to study and reconsider S.B. 50, Medical Benefits Recovery Amendments, 2008 General Session, which amended the Medical Benefits Recovery Act to provide that a lien to recover medical assistance benefits provided by the state may be imposed against the real property of a person who is an inpatient in a care facility during the life of that person.

132. Medical Industrial Complex - to study issues related to the Medical Industrial Complex.

133. Mental Health Care Delivery - to study the development of a design for delivery of an effective community-based system of care to address the mental health needs of children, youth, and their families. The design is to be developed by the Department of Human Services, working with stakeholders in the public mental health and substance abuse treatment systems and family support advocacy organizations.

134. Mental Health Pilot Project - to study the establishment of a pilot program for assertive community treatment services for people with a severe mental disorder, who are not receiving or are transitioning out of other mental health services, and to their families (H.B. 198).

135. Needle Disposal - to study potential needle disposal legislation.
136. Nutrition Information in Restaurants - to study the posting of nutrition information on restaurant menus.

137. Prematurity in Newborn Infants - to study health information issues related to prematurity of newborn infants.


139. Social Determinants of Health - to study the role of policy and budget planning in supporting the public and private sector partnerships needed to address the social determinants of health.

140. State Agency Auditing of Local Health and Human Services - to study the effectiveness of streamlining and consolidating audit efforts by the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services and their contracted monitors on county-delivered human service programs, local public health programs, and private providers.

141. State Health System Reform - to study affordability parameters, thresholds, and mechanisms needed to support the broader goals of state health system reform, including access to decent and affordable health insurance coverage for the uninsured.

142. Affirmative Action - to study the status of the affirmative action effort in Utah and a potential constitutional amendment related to H.J.R. 24.

143. Bail Bond Recovery - to study bail bond recovery agent requirements and equal treatment by government as proposed in H.J.R. 24.

144. Committee of Correspondence on State Sovereignty - to study whether to appoint a committee of correspondence to communicate and coordinate with other states regarding state sovereignty issues.

145. Costs of Death Penalty - to study the cost impact of the death penalty.

146. Criminal Code - to study and comprehensively review the Utah Criminal Code.

147. Employment of Pre-Sentence Report Writers - to study which agency should employ pre-sentence report writers, since they perform a quasi-court function.

148. Expungement - to study substantive modifications to the expungement law.
149. Fireworks - to study the regulation of fireworks.
150. Fusion Centers - to study oversight of fusion centers.
151. Grandparent Rights - to study the rights of grandparents when they have custody of children.
152. Guardianship Appointments - to study the creation of a method within the courts for the appointment of a guardian or conservator for a minor or an incapacitated adult and the elimination of a local school board's ability to designate guardians for students within their district (H.B. 347).
153. Gun Free Zones - to study Utah's gun free zones.
154. Incense as a Drug - to study the sale and use of incense as a drug.
155. Indigent Defense - to study the Indigent Defense Act and its application to indigent defense resources.
156. Law Enforcement Pay Plans - to study law enforcement officer, correctional officer, and public safety dispatch personnel pay plans (H.B. 330).
157. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit - to study the return on investment for resources provided to the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the feasibility of increased recoveries if the unit is provided with more resources.
158. Medicaid Fraud Enforcement Mechanisms - to study whether Utah should adopt Qui Tam provisions for enforcement of provider fraud.
159. Metabolite DUI - to study metabolite DUI's where there is no impairment.
160. Pepspice Regulation - to study whether to regulate the sale and use of the substance Pepspice.
161. Phone Slamming - to study phone slamming and determine an appropriate penalty.
162. Prescription Abuse - to study issues related to prescription drug and substance abuse.
163. Renewal of Judgments - to study the establishment of a fee for renewal of judgments (H.B. 373).
164. Search and Rescue Funding - to study ways to fund voluntary search and rescue efforts (S.B. 60).

165. Sexual Offenses Against a Minor - to study and work with the Sentencing Commission on issues related to unlawful sexual offenses against a minor.

166. Shared Parenting - to study issues related to shared parenting in divorce.

167. Snuff Labeling - to study whether to ban or require specific labeling on flavored snuff.

168. Unlawful Provision of Identifiable Prescription Information - to study whether to make it a class B misdemeanor to provide, sell, exchange, purchase, obtain, or use identifiable prescription information for a commercial purpose, except as may be permitted (H.B. 104).

169. Utah Supreme Court Terms - to study the appointment of justices to the Utah Supreme Court on a staggered term basis so that only one comes up for retention election every two years.

170. Access and Improvements to Fisheries - to study how to establish an agreement between the Division of Wildlife Resources and property owners to provide access and improvements to fisheries.

171. Agriculture Services Area - to study whether to allow an agriculture services area.

172. Application of Endangered Species Act - to study how to apply to the Endangered Species Act to species which are completely contained within the state and never cross state borders.


174. Duration of Deer Hunt - to study whether to change the duration of the general rifle deer hunt (H.B. 417).

175. Environmental Quality Boards - to study modifying provisions to boards, and executive secretaries to boards, within the Department of Environmental Quality (S.B. 223).

176. Fire Funding - to study wildland fire and School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration wildfire funding issues.
177. Groundwater Protest and Studies - to study issues relating to Millard County's legal defense of its groundwater protests, and the ongoing USGS groundwater studies in Snake Valley.

178. Hunting by Grazing Associations - to study whether to provide conservation hunting permits to grazing associations.

179. Sand and Gravel - to study the classification of sand and gravel.

180. Solid Waste Classification - to study the approval process used to determine solid waste facility classifications.

181. Stream Access - to study and explore the possibility of forming cooperative fishing management units.

182. Surface Owner Protection - to study procedures for an operator to follow when conducting an oil or gas operation (H.B. 309).

183. Tire Recycling Fee Distribution - to study the distribution of funds from the Tire Recycling fee, and the fairness of participation and contribution to the fund.

184. Waste Reduction and Recycling - to study a state waste reduction and recycling program.

185. Water Authority Project - to study issues related to the Southern Nevada Water Authority Groundwater Development Project.

186. Water Right Change Requests - to study modifications to the process for changing water rights (S.B. 99).

187. Water Rights and River Recreation - to study water rights related to recreation on Utah rivers.

188. Applying the National Electrical Code - to study whether to require the Public Service Commission, in determining provisions for electrical service connections by an electrical corporation, to use the current state adopted National Electrical Code provision, and whether to allow alternative provisions if the commission determines they are just and reasonable (H.B. 411).

various forms of energy and renewable energy goals (S.B. 131).

190. Enhanced 911 Requirements - to study enhanced 911 requirements for multi-line telephone systems (S.B. 72).

191. Net Metering - to study and propose potential adjustments to the net metering laws to address the higher cost of renewable energy.

192. Utility Undergrounding - to study whether to provide funding for the purpose of undergrounding power lines through a local option franchise tax authority in older urbanized municipalities.

193. Utilization of Department of Technology Services by State Agencies - to study the "decoupling" of the Department of Technology Services from mandatory usage by state agencies wishing to utilize other technology services from other companies or agencies through RFP.

194. Administrative Fees Account - to study issues related to the Sales Tax Administrative Fees Account.

195. Appeal to Utah Population Estimates Committee - to study whether to authorize a county, city, or town to appeal its population for certain sales and use tax purposes to the Utah Population Estimates Committee (H.B. 139).

196. Determination of Sale Origin - to study and determine when a sale, other than a sale of tangible personal property, is in the state.

197. District Taxing Authority - to study the taxing authority for water conservancy districts.

198. Flat Tax - to study the impact of moving from graduated income tax brackets to a flat tax on education and the General Fund.

199. Local Option Sales and Use Tax Terminology - to study the terminology used in local option sales and use taxes to refer to local governments and whether greater uniformity can be achieved in the use of the terminology.

200. Localized Taxes - to study sales and use taxes within a geographic area that is smaller than a county, city, or town.
201. Municipal Taxes and PILT Funding - to study a municipal services tax and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding.

202. Property Tax Exemption - to study whether to change certain qualifications for the residential property tax exemption (H.B. 182).

203. Property Tax Valuation - to study whether to change the valuation of certain property under the Property Tax Act (H.B. 322).

204. Recreational Vehicle Taxes - to study tax equity on the rental of recreational vehicles.

205. Special Group License Plate Regulation - to study the regulation of special group license plates by State Tax Commission rule instead of legislative action, with sunset language for those which fail to meet goals.

206. Tax Increases Not Approved by Voters - to study whether to allow tax increases not approved by voters to be subject to referendum and initiative procedures.

207. Tax Notice Modifications - to study whether tax notices should be modified to provide more information, including the percentage of increase or decrease, the date and type of approval, and the time and location of public hearings.

208. Transmitting Local Tax Ordinances - to study whether counties, cities, and towns should be required to provide their sales and use tax ordinances to the State Tax Commission.

209. Transportation Taxes - to study the taxing authority for local option sales and use taxes for transportation.

210. Use Tax for Electronic Waste - to study and review a use tax to cover recycling costs up front for electronic waste, computers, cell phones, DVD players, VCR's, etc.

211. Wind Farm Siting and Taxes - to study the siting of wind farms and whether to assess an excise tax on wind energy similar to the severance tax on minerals.

212. Part-Time Employee Health Care Costs - to study the effects of pro rating the health care costs of part-time employees.

213. Retirement Issues Related to Part-Time Employees - to study the effect of
part-time employees who work full time the last few years of their careers.

214. B and C Road Maintenance Funding - to study whether current B and C road funds are adequate to cover the maintenance costs of those roads.

215. Class B and C Road Bids - to study bid limits for class B and class C road maintenance or construction projects.

216. Contract Passenger Carriers - to study the regulation of contract passenger carriers and other provisions of H.B. 152.

217. County Emissions Penalties - to study the penalties assessed by local governments on emissions testing businesses that violate emissions testing procedures, including a potential cap on penalties and fine amounts.

218. Deferring Road Maintenance - to study the impact of the deferring of routine maintenance of arterial and collector roads.

219. Determining Local Transportation Needs - to study and review the current means of determining the transportation needs of a community, including cost and capacity measures, and ways to improve these determinations.

220. Emissions - to study statewide vehicle emissions requirements and examine the possibility of incentivizing vehicle owners in rural counties to meet emissions standards required in Wasatch Front counties.

221. Emissions and Maintenance Incentives - to study whether to provide incentives to counties where an emissions inspection and maintenance program is not required or necessary to adopt similar standards as counties that have an inspection and maintenance program.

222. Fair Appraisal Services for Rights-of-Way - to study fair practices for equitable and proper appraisal services when the state is in the process of acquiring rights-of-way and condemning properties for state use.

223. Impact of Impound Law - to study the impact of H.B. 151, Motor Vehicle Revisions, 2008 General Session, including how many vehicles have been impounded due to its passage into law.
224. Impact of Requests for Special Group License Plates - to study how to address
the many requests for special group licenses, poor fund-raising, and the administrative burden
of accommodating plate usage.

225. Information on Driver Licenses and Registration - to study whether to place zip
codes on driver licenses and whether to place an individual's address on the vehicle
registration.

226. Lane Mile Distribution Formula for Local Transportation Funding - to study the
adequacy of the current lane mile distribution formula in funding transportation needs in a
community and whether there is a better measure of capacity that more accurately reflects
transportation need, including lane miles traveled per lane mile, an assessment of arterial roads
in a community, or another measure.

227. Motor Vehicle Owner or Operator Security - to study the enforcement of the
requirement to have owners' or operators' security for a motor vehicle that is operated on a
highway in Utah.

228. Operating Bicycles and Mopeds - to study the operation of bicycles and mopeds
on roadways (H.B. 424).

229. Public Transit Districts - to study whether to allow public transit districts to
establish, finance, and participate as a limited partner in a development with limited liabilities,
to construct, improve, maintain, or operate a transit-oriented development or transit-supportive
development, or to assist in the economic development of areas in proximity of transit
facilities (S.B. 272).

230. Railroad Crossing Amendments - to study potential changes to railroad and
railroad crossing laws.

231. Special Group License Plate Issues - to study funding of special group license
plates, eliminating underused plates, and the approval process.

232. Special Group License Plates - to study whether to place a cap on the number of
special group license plates.

233. Special Olympics License Plate - to study the creation of a Special Olympics
590 License Plate.

591 234. Surplus State Vehicles - to study privatization of the sale of surplus state vehicles.

592 235. Tangible Personal Property Definition - to study and determine whether the definition of tangible personal property should include carpeting (S.B. 27).

593 236. Arts and Museum Funding - to study ways to fund arts and museums in the state.

594 237. Community Development and Renewal Agency - to study various revisions to community development and renewal agency statutes, including the allocation of 20% of tax increment for housing (S.B. 197).

595 238. Military Installation Development Authorities - to study military installation development authorities -- what they are and the extent of their powers.

596 239. Notification of Misuse of Information or Identity Fraud - to study Department of Workforce Services' notification of employers of practices that could constitute misuse of personal identifying information or identity fraud.

597 240. Venture Capital - to study issues related to Utah venture capital.

598 241. Exemptions for Cedar Band - to study whether to exempt certain transactions on Cedar Band reservation land from specified taxes imposed under state law (S.B. 207).


600 243. Capital Outlay - to study capital outlay funding equalization.

601 244. Government Functions and Budgeting - to study the creation of a bi-partisan task force to develop a list of core government functions and the implementation of a new system of performance and budgeting.

602 245. State Agency Budgets - to study zero based budgets for state agencies (H.B. 392).

603 246. Vacation Leave Policies - to study and conduct an analysis of sick and vacation leave policies versus paid time off.
247. Privatizing State Parks - to study and review a report, prepared by the Department of Natural Resources’ internal audit team, of the potential costs and benefits of privatizing or outsourcing state park operations, including a list of six potential park candidates likely for privatization.

248. Notification of Bill Hearing Change - to study ways to alert the public when a bill posted on a committee agenda will not be heard.

249. Public Meeting Agendas - to study whether to require a "tentative agenda" at least 72 hours prior to a public meeting, and leaving in place the current 24-hour notice requirement for a final agenda.