

1 **MASTER STUDY RESOLUTION**

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**LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8 This joint resolution of the Legislature gives the Legislative Management Committee  
9 items of study it may assign to the appropriate interim committee.  
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11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

13 ▶ gives the Legislative Management Committee items of study it may assign to the  
14 appropriate interim committee during the 2010 legislative interim;

15 ▶ directs interim committees assigned these studies to study and make  
16 recommendations for legislative action to the 59th Legislature before the 2011

17 Annual General Session; and

18 ▶ suggests that the Legislative Management Committee, in approving studies, give  
19 consideration to the available time of legislators and the budget and capacity of staff

20 to respond to the assigned studies.

21 **Special Clauses:**

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

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

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28 WHEREAS, the 58th Legislature has determined that certain legislative issues require  
29 additional investigation and study:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Management Committee  
31 is given the following items of study to assign to the appropriate interim committee with the  
32 duty to study and make recommendations for legislative action to the 59th Legislature before  
33 the 2011 Annual General Session.

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

38 1. Alcohol Licensing - to study alcohol licensing by the Department of Alcoholic  
39 Beverage Control.

40 2. Alcohol Storage - to study the refrigerated storage of heavy beers.

41 3. Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and Restaurant Licenses - to study restaurant  
42 related licenses issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (H.B. 223).

43 4. Annuities - to study issues related to annuity regulation.

44 5. Anti-discrimination in Housing and the Workplace - to study whether and how to  
45 provide for protections against discrimination in the workplace and housing based on sexual  
46 orientation.

47 6. Armed Guard Licensure - to study whether armed guard licensure should be moved  
48 from the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to the Bureau of Criminal  
49 Identification.

50 7. Commodities - to study commodity money issues.

51 8. Common Interest Ownership - to study the repealing and enacting of laws related to  
52 common interest ownership (H.B. 399).

53 9. Construction Licenses - to study potential amendments to construction license laws.

54 10. Construction Registry and Liens - to study issues related to the Utah Mechanics'  
55 Lien law, the lien recovery fund, and the state construction registry.

56 11. Continuing Education Requirements - to study the number of hours of continuing  
57 education needed to retain a trade license.

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

59 database.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

82 21. Impact of Misclassifying Workers as Independent Contractors - to study the  
83 misclassification of workers as independent contractors rather than employees to determine the  
84 prevalence of the practice in Utah and the impact on the state of:

85 a. workers being denied the protections and benefits of employee status, like workers'  
86 compensation insurance coverage;

87 b. employers failing to make Social Security, Medicare, and unemployment insurance  
88 payments and ignoring labor standards like paying overtime, minimum wages, or other  
89 employee benefits; and

90 c. law-abiding businesses who properly classify workers as employees yet have higher costs,  
91 being subjected to unfair competition from businesses who achieve low costs by intentionally  
92 misclassifying their workers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

111         30. Professional Engineer Continuing Education - to study whether licensed  
112 professional engineers are keeping up with continuing education units and practicing with a  
113 license.

114         31. Protecting Identity of Children - to study how to provide a mechanism for freezing  
115 the credit information of a child (H.B. 387).

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

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

- 121           34. Special Event Alcohol Sales - to study whether to extend the hours for alcohol  
122 sales for special events.
- 123           35. Workers' Compensation Death Benefits - to study and review workers'  
124 compensation death benefits for a surviving spouse, with an analysis of dependency.
- 125           36. School Fee and Supplies - to study amendments to the Utah Constitution  
126 regarding school fees and supplies (H.J.R. 25).
- 127           37. 12th Grade - to study accelerated high school graduation and increasing the rigor  
128 of high school graduation requirements.
- 129           38. Board Elimination - to study the elimination of the Board of Regents.
- 130           39. Board of Regents Governance Issues - to study whether to choose representatives  
131 on the Board of Regents from all regions of the state, and whether the Regents system is the  
132 most effective way to govern higher education.
- 133           40. Career Status Requirements - to study the career status requirements of school  
134 district employees.
- 135           41. District Funding - to study funding for small school districts.
- 136           42. Early Graduation - to study whether to provide incentives for early graduation.
- 137           43. Education Levies - to study the consolidation of education levies.
- 138           44. Environmental Design Standards for Schools - to study whether the Utah Board of  
139 Education should build schools to the energy and environmental design rating system (LEED)  
140 or comparable system.
- 141           45. Extended Year Schedules - to study the feasibility of extending school calendars  
142 and schedules to increase the enrollment capacity of school buildings.
- 143           46. Fundamental Computing Concepts Credit - to study the teaching of higher level  
144 technology education classes like fundamental computing concepts so that the .5 credit  
145 required in computer technology curriculum does not include keyboarding, but is strictly in  
146 computing concepts.
- 147           47. Gun Safety Education - to study whether to provide education on gun safety to  
148 Utah's children.
- 149           48. Hazing Policies - to study issues related to hazing policies for higher education  
150 (H.B. 410).
- 151           49. Higher Education Governance - to study Board of Regents governance of higher

152 education.

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

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

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

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

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

167           55. Online Education Access - to study how to provide better access to online  
168 education courses for K-12 students.

169           56. Payment for Online Courses - to study whether to require school districts to pay  
170 for online courses from qualified providers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

222           80. Compact Agreement on Presidential Election - to study whether to enact an  
223 agreement among the states to elect the President of the United States by national popular vote  
224 (H.B. 297).

225           81. Conflict between Statute and Constitution Regarding Referendums - to study  
226 whether Utah Code Subsection 20A-7-601(3)(b), which appears to conflict with Utah  
227 Constitution Article VI, Section 2(b)(ii) regarding referendums, should be amended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



245 registration.

246 89. Elections, Campaign Finance, and Lobbying Enforcement Commission - to study  
247 the creation and jurisdiction of an Elections, Campaign Finance, and Lobbying Enforcement  
248 Commission.

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

251 91. Ethics Act - to study, review, and update the Public Officers and Employers Ethics  
252 Act.

253 92. Local Option Funding - to study local option funding alternatives for urban centers  
254 that receive significant commuter or tourist influx and whether additional revenue options are  
255 desirable to assist with associated transportation, public safety, or other costs.

256 93. Municipal Disincorporation - to study changes to statutory provisions governing  
257 the disincorporation of a municipality (H.B. 218).

258 94. Municipal Election Amendments - to study whether a municipality should be  
259 required to hold an election if, after the write-in period, candidates on the ballot are unopposed.

260 95. Non-partisan County Election Code Amendments - to study whether the election  
261 code should be changed to address the issues raised by non-partisan county governments.

262 96. Online Voter Registration - to study online registration and registration updates for  
263 voting.

264 97. Redistricting by Other States - to study how other states conduct and implement  
265 the redistricting process.

266 98. Sole Source Procurement - to study effective ways to provide for competition in a  
267 streamlined manner when only one provider may be qualified to perform a government service  
268 (S.B. 190).

269 99. State Construction Apprenticeships - to study whether to require that a percentage  
270 of state construction projects include journeyman apprenticeships.

271 100. Surplus State Vehicle Sales - to study whether to privatize the sale of surplus  
272 state vehicles.

273 101. Use of Electronic Signatures for Petitions - to study whether electronic signatures  
274 should be used for initiative and referendum petitions (both statewide and local), political party  
275 petitions, and certificate of nomination petitions.

276 102. Voter Engagement - to study ways to improve voter engagement in Utah (H.B.  
277 244, H.B. 368, H.B. 164).

278 103. Voting by Mail - to study expanding the option for governmental entities to use  
279 voting by mail in elections (H.B. 358).

280 104. Water Banking - to study the banking of water rights administered by a local  
281 district (H.B. 84).

282 105. Access to Medicaid Benefits - to study how to lower the asset level for pregnant  
283 women to become eligible for Medicaid benefits.

284 106. Behavioral Treatment System Improvement - to study the delivery of a more  
285 effective treatment system to address the behavioral health treatment needs of children and  
286 youth in the custody of the state.

287 107. Child Care Licensing - to study the licensing of child care services.

288 108. Children's Mental Health - to study and consider proposals for consolidating and  
289 coordinating administrative functions within the Department of Human Services and identify  
290 the services necessary to develop an effective home and community-based system of care for  
291 children's mental health.

292 109. Community-based Mental Health Service Costs - to study how the costs of  
293 community-based mental health services compare to similar services provided in the  
294 correctional system and in-patient treatment.

295 110. Debt Collection Related to Medical Treatment - to study bad debt collection for  
296 treatment provided subject to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.

297 111. Division of Child and Family Services Efficiencies - to study potential  
298 efficiencies in delivering services in the Division of Child and Family Services.

299 112. End of Life Care - to study issues related to end of life care associated with  
300 Medicaid.

301 113. Health Care Budgeting Methods - to study and identify a budgeting method to  
302 remove the double counting in Medicaid due to transfers between the Department of Health  
303 and other state agencies.

304 114. Health Care Mandates Versus Free Market Solutions - to study government  
305 mandates on modified community ratings, coverage, and licensing, and free market  
306 alternatives.

307 115. Health Care Payments - to study whether to move away from fee-for-service  
308 payments to pay for quality.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

325 123. Infections - to study health care associated infections.

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

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

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

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

337 128. Medicaid Statutes - to study and review Medicaid statutes for clarification in

338 assigned responsibilities, desired policy direction, and agency interactions, and consider raising  
339 all the statutes relating to Medicaid from chapter level to a separate title and consolidating all  
340 related statutes within that title.

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

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

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

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

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

359 134. Mental Health Pilot Project - to study the establishment of a pilot program for  
360 assertive community treatment services for people with a severe mental disorder, who are not  
361 receiving or are transitioning out of other mental health services, and to their families (H.B.  
362 198).

363 135. Needle Disposal - to study potential needle disposal legislation.

364 136. Nutrition Information in Restaurants - to study the posting of nutrition  
365 information on restaurant menus.

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

368 138. Residential Facilities for the Elderly - to study provisions relating to residential

369 facilities for elderly persons (H.B. 401).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

391           148. Expungement - to study substantive modifications to the expungement law.

392           149. Fireworks - to study the regulation of fireworks.

393           150. Fusion Centers - to study oversight of fusion centers.

394           151. Grandparent Rights - to study the rights of grandparents when they have custody  
395 of children.

396           152. Guardianship Appointments - to study the creation of a method within the courts  
397 for the appointment of a guardian or conservator for a minor or an incapacitated adult and the  
398 elimination of a local school board's ability to designate guardians for students within their  
399 district (H.B. 347).

- 400           153. Gun Free Zones - to study Utah's gun free zones.
- 401           154. Incense as a Drug - to study the sale and use of incense as a drug.
- 402           155. Indigent Defense - to study the Indigent Defense Act and its application to  
403 indigent defense resources.
- 404           156. Law Enforcement Pay Plans - to study law enforcement officer, correctional  
405 officer, and public safety dispatch personnel pay plans (H.B. 330).
- 406           157. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit - to study the return on investment for resources  
407 provided to the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the feasibility of increased  
408 recoveries if the unit is provided with more resources.
- 409           158. Medicaid Fraud Enforcement Mechanisms - to study whether Utah should adopt  
410 Qui Tam provisions for enforcement of provider fraud.
- 411           159. Metabolite DUI - to study metabolite DUI's where there is no impairment.
- 412           160. Pepsipice Regulation - to study whether to regulate the sale and use of the  
413 substance Pepsipice.
- 414           161. Phone Slamming - to study phone slamming and determine an appropriate  
415 penalty.
- 416           162. Prescription Abuse - to study issues related to prescription drug and substance  
417 abuse.
- 418           163. Renewal of Judgments - to study the establishment of a fee for renewal of  
419 judgments (H.B. 373).
- 420           164. Search and Rescue Funding - to study ways to fund voluntary search and rescue  
421 efforts (S.B. 60).
- 422           165. Sexual Offenses Against a Minor - to study and work with the Sentencing  
423 Commission on issues related to unlawful sexual offenses against a minor.
- 424           166. Shared Parenting - to study issues related to shared parenting in divorce.
- 425           167. Snuff Labeling - to study whether to ban or require specific labeling on flavored  
426 snuff.
- 427           168. Unlawful Provision of Identifiable Prescription Information - to study whether to  
428 make it a class B misdemeanor to provide, sell, exchange, purchase, obtain, or use identifiable  
429 prescription information for a commercial purpose, except as may be permitted (H.B. 104).
- 430           169. Utah Supreme Court Terms - to study the appointment of justices to the Utah

431 Supreme Court on a staggered term basis so that only one comes up for retention election every  
432 two years.

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

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

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

440 173. Canal Safety - to study enacting a Canal Safety Act (1st Sub. S.B. 185).

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

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

445 176. Fire Funding - to study wildland fire and School and Institutional Trust Lands  
446 Administration wildfire funding issues.

447 177. Groundwater Protest and Studies - to study issues relating to Millard County's  
448 legal defense of its groundwater protests, and the ongoing USGS groundwater studies in Snake  
449 Valley.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

462 program.

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

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

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

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

474 189. Energy Cost Recovery and Renewable Energy - to study cost recovery for various  
475 forms of energy and renewable energy goals (S.B. 131).

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

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

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

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

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

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

492 196. Determination of Sale Origin - to study and determine when a sale, other than a



- 493 sale of tangible personal property, is in the state.
- 494           197. District Taxing Authority - to study the taxing authority for water conservancy  
495 districts.
- 496           198. Flat Tax - to study the impact of moving from graduated income tax brackets to a  
497 flat tax on education and the General Fund.
- 498           199. Local Option Sales and Use Tax Terminology - to study the terminology used in  
499 local option sales and use taxes to refer to local governments and whether greater uniformity  
500 can be achieved in the use of the terminology.
- 501           200. Localized Taxes - to study sales and use taxes within a geographic area that is  
502 smaller than a county, city, or town.
- 503           201. Municipal Taxes and PILT Funding - to study a municipal services tax and  
504 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding.
- 505           202. Property Tax Exemption - to study whether to change certain qualifications for  
506 the residential property tax exemption (H.B. 182).
- 507           203. Property Tax Valuation - to study whether to change the valuation of certain  
508 property under the Property Tax Act (H.B. 322).
- 509           204. Recreational Vehicle Taxes - to study tax equity on the rental of recreational  
510 vehicles.
- 511           205. Special Group License Plate Regulation - to study the regulation of special group  
512 license plates by State Tax Commission rule instead of legislative action, with sunset language  
513 for those which fail to meet goals.
- 514           206. Tax Increases Not Approved by Voters - to study whether to allow tax increases  
515 not approved by voters to be subject to referendum and initiative procedures.
- 516           207. Tax Notice Modifications - to study whether tax notices should be modified to  
517 provide more information, including the percentage of increase or decrease, the date and type  
518 of approval, and the time and location of public hearings.
- 519           208. Transmitting Local Tax Ordinances - to study whether counties, cities, and towns  
520 should be required to provide their sales and use tax ordinances to the State Tax Commission.
- 521           209. Transportation Taxes - to study the taxing authority for local option sales and use  
522 taxes for transportation.
- 523           210. Use Tax for Electronic Waste - to study and review a use tax to cover recycling

- 524 costs up front for electronic waste, computers, cell phones, DVD players, VCR's, etc.
- 525           211. Wind Farm Siting and Taxes - to study the siting of wind farms and whether to  
526 assess an excise tax on wind energy similar to the severance tax on minerals.
- 527           212. Part-Time Employee Health Care Costs - to study the effects of pro rating the  
528 health care costs of part-time employees.
- 529           213. Retirement Issues Related to Part-Time Employees - to study the effect of  
530 part-time employees who work full time the last few years of their careers.
- 531           214. B and C Road Maintenance Funding - to study whether current B and C road  
532 funds are adequate to cover the maintenance costs of those roads.
- 533           215. Class B and C Road Bids - to study bid limits for class B and class C road  
534 maintenance or construction projects.
- 535           216. Contract Passenger Carriers - to study the regulation of contract passenger  
536 carriers and other provisions of H.B. 152.
- 537           217. County Emissions Penalties - to study the penalties assessed by local  
538 governments on emissions testing businesses that violate emissions testing procedures,  
539 including a potential cap on penalties and fine amounts.
- 540           218. Deferring Road Maintenance - to study the impact of the deferring of routine  
541 maintenance of arterial and collector roads.
- 542           219. Determining Local Transportation Needs - to study and review the current means  
543 of determining the transportation needs of a community, including cost and capacity measures,  
544 and ways to improve these determinations.
- 545           220. Emissions - to study statewide vehicle emissions requirements and examine the  
546 possibility of incentivizing vehicle owners in rural counties to meet emissions standards  
547 required in Wasatch Front counties.
- 548           221. Emissions and Maintenance Incentives - to study whether to provide incentives to  
549 counties where an emissions inspection and maintenance program is not required or necessary  
550 to adopt similar standards as counties that have an inspection and maintenance program.
- 551           222. Fair Appraisal Services for Rights-of-Way - to study fair practices for equitable  
552 and proper appraisal services when the state is in the process of acquiring rights-of-way and  
553 condemning properties for state use.
- 554           223. Impact of Impound Law - to study the impact of H.B. 151, Motor Vehicle

555 Revisions, 2008 General Session, including how many vehicles have been impounded due to  
556 its passage into law.

557           224. Impact of Requests for Special Group License Plates - to study how to address  
558 the many requests for special group licenses, poor fund-raising, and the administrative burden  
559 of accommodating plate usage.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 586           234. Surplus State Vehicles - to study privatization of the sale of surplus state  
587 vehicles.
- 588           235. Tangible Personal Property Definition - to study and determine whether the  
589 definition of tangible personal property should include carpeting (S.B. 27).
- 590           236. Arts and Museum Funding - to study ways to fund arts and museums in the state.
- 591           237. Community Development and Renewal Agency - to study various revisions to  
592 community development and renewal agency statutes, including the allocation of 20% of tax  
593 increment for housing (S.B. 197).
- 594           238. Military Installation Development Authorities - to study military installation  
595 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  
597 Workforce Services' notification of employers of practices that could constitute misuse of  
598 personal identifying information or identity fraud.
- 599           240. Venture Capital - to study issues related to Utah venture capital.
- 600           241. Exemptions for Cedar Band - to study whether to exempt certain transactions on  
601 Cedar Band reservation land from specified taxes imposed under state law (S.B. 207).
- 602           242. Native American Economies - to study economic opportunities for Native  
603 American communities.
- 604           243. Capital Outlay - to study capital outlay funding equalization.
- 605           244. Government Functions and Budgeting - to study the creation of a bi-partisan task  
606 force to develop a list of core government functions and the implementation of a new system of  
607 performance and budgeting.
- 608           245. State Agency Budgets - to study zero based budgets for state agencies (H.B. 392).
- 609           246. Vacation Leave Policies - to study and conduct an analysis of sick and vacation  
610 leave policies versus paid time off.
- 611           247. Privatizing State Parks - to study and review a report, prepared by the Department  
612 of Natural Resources' internal audit team, of the potential costs and benefits of privatizing or  
613 outsourcing state park operations, including a list of six potential park candidates likely for  
614 privatization.
- 615           248. Notification of Bill Hearing Change - to study ways to alert the public when a bill  
616 posted on a committee agenda will not be heard.

617           249. Public Meeting Agendas - to study whether to require a "tentative agenda" at least  
618 72 hours prior to a public meeting, and leaving in place the current 24-hour notice requirement  
619 for a final agenda.

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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