



MINUTES

Iowa Legislative Council

June 12, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Speaker Patrick J. Murphy, Chairperson
Representative Polly Bukta
Representative Sandra H. Greiner
Representative Mary Mascher
Representative Kevin M. McCarthy
Representative Dolores M. Mertz
Representative Jo Oldson
Representative Kraig Paulsen
Representative Thomas R. Sands

Senator John P. Kibbie, Vice Chairperson
Senator Thomas G. Courtney
Senator Jeff Danielson
Senator Robert E. Dvorsky
Senator Michael E. Gronstal
Senator David Johnson
Senator Steve Kettering
Senator Becky Schmitz
Senator Brian Schoenjahn
Senator James A. Seymour
Senator Pat Ward

MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business
- II. Consideration of the Report of the Fiscal Committee
- III. Consideration of the Report of the Government Oversight Committee
- IV. Consideration of the Report of the International Relations Committee
- V. Consideration of the Report of the Studies Committee
- VI. Consideration of the Report of the Service Committee
- VII. Consideration of the Report of the Supreme Court
- VIII. Additional Business
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I. Procedural Business

Call to Order. The second meeting of the 2007-2008 Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Murphy at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 12, 2008, in Room 103, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa. Eight of the members attended the meeting via a telecommunications connection.

Minutes of June 13, 2007, Meeting. Senator Gronstal moved that the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2007, be approved without additions or corrections. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Consideration of Reports and Additional Business. Legislative Council actions are summarized in these minutes.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

II. Consideration of the Report of the Fiscal Committee

Chairperson Murphy recognized Representative Oldson, who discussed the Report of the Fiscal Committee. There being no objection, the report was received and filed. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

III. Consideration of the Report of the Government Oversight Committee

Chairperson Murphy recognized Senator Dvorsky, who requested that the Report of the Government Oversight Committee be accepted. There being no objection, the report was received and filed. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes as Attachment B.

IV. Consideration of the Report of the International Relations Committee

Chairperson Murphy called the Legislative Council's attention to the Report of the International Relations Committee. There being no objection, the report was received and filed. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes as Attachment C.

V. Consideration of the Report of the Studies Committee

Chairperson Murphy recognized Senator Gronstal for the Report of the Studies Committee. Senator Gronstal stated that the report recommends approval of nine studies for the 2008 Legislative Interim, two of which are carryover studies from the 2007 Legislative Interim.

Representative Greiner moved that the Legislative Council approve establishment of an interim study committee comprised of 10 to 14 members of the General Assembly to consider the effects of the 2008 flooding on the Iowa livestock industry, including the differential effects on small and large producers, financing issues, and effects on businesses associated with the livestock industry. Furthermore, she stated, the study committee should be directed to consult with experts who can provide options to address the challenges being confronted. The motion was amended to include in the charge "the effects on commodity prices." Upon conclusion of discussion, Senator Greiner's motion, as amended, was adopted.



Chairperson Murphy noted that the Legislative Council will, at some point, also request the Government Oversight Committee to study other issues related to the 2008 floods.

Senator Gronstal moved that the report, as amended, be adopted. The motion was adopted by voice vote. A copy of the report, as amended and approved by the Legislative Council, is attached to these minutes as Attachment D.

VI. Consideration of the Report of the Service Committee

Chairperson Murphy recognized Senator Gronstal for the Report of the Service Committee. Senator Gronstal explained that the report contains annual personnel reports from the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, including recommendations for promotions, exceptional meritorious increases, the reclassification of employees, and the addition and elimination of positions. The report also recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed budget and budget allocations for FY 2009 for the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman. Senator Gronstal moved adoption of the report. The motion was adopted by voice vote. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes as Attachment E.

VII. Consideration of the Report of the Supreme Court

Chairperson Murphy recognized Mr. Richard Johnson, Legal Services Division Director, Legislative Services Agency, who stated that the Report of the Supreme Court, previously distributed, makes amendments to the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure, the Iowa Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the Iowa Court Rules. There being no objection, the Report of the Supreme Court was received and filed.

VIII. Additional Business

Testimony of Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge. Chairperson Murphy recognized Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge, who, via telephone, briefed the members of the Legislative Council on the weather-related disaster conditions around the state. She stated that 55 counties have been declared disaster areas by Governor Culver. An open-ended presidential disaster declaration has been in place for Iowa since the Parkersburg tornado. The process for adding areas to an open-ended presidential disaster declaration is easier, she said, but the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must first conduct an assessment. She also stated that she and the governor have had preliminary conversations with local officials on long-term disaster recovery, but the primary focus has been on the situation at hand. The governor plans to create an advisory commission on disaster recovery and long-range planning, she said.

Resolution Honoring Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Services Agency. Chairperson Murphy recognized Senator Gronstal to present a resolution honoring Dennis Prouty, the Director of the Legislative Services Agency. Mr. Prouty is retiring June 30 after 36 years of service to the Iowa Legislature.



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Interim Appointments. Chairperson Murphy recognized Senator Gronstal, who moved that Ms. Holly Lyons, Fiscal Services Division Director, be named as an interim member of the Revenue Estimating Conference to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Prouty's retirement.

Senator Gronstal informed the Legislative Council that legislative leaders plan to appoint an interim director of the Legislative Services Agency in the near future.

IX. Attachments

- A. Report of the Fiscal Committee.
- B. Report of the Government Oversight Committee.
- C. Report of the International Relations Committee.
- D. Report of the Studies Committee.
- E. Report of the Service Committee.

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Report of the Fiscal Committee to the Legislative Council

June 12, 2008

The Fiscal Committee held one meeting during the 2007 Interim on June 14, 2007, and received information on January 8, 2008, via email for information gathered between the June meeting and the 2008 Legislative Session.

Staff of the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) provided regular revenue updates and noted expenditures for specific appropriations and State Programs. The Committee also received notices of appropriations transfers and lease purchases. The FY 2007 and FY 2008 appropriation transfers are listed below. Information pertaining to the reasons for the transfers is on file with the LSA.

FY 2007 Appropriation Transfers

Dollars Transferred	Department/Division Transferred To	Dollars Transferred	Department/Division Transferred From
\$ 473,000	Administrative Services West Capitol Terrace	\$ 473,000	Administrative Services Ankeny Laboratory Project
\$ 20,000	Human Rights Status of African Americans	\$ 20,000	Human Rights Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning
\$ 15,000	Human Rights Persons with Disabilities	\$ 15,000	Human Rights Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning
\$ 200,000	Secretary of State Voter Registration	\$ 200,000	Secretary of State Business Services
\$ 68,352	Secretary of State Help America Vote Act	\$ 68,352	Inspections and Appeals Health Facilities Division
\$ 65,000	Cultural Affairs Historical Division	\$ 65,000	Cultural Affairs Great Places
\$ 300,000	Human Services Sexual Predator Unit	\$ 300,000	Human Services Woodward Resource Center
\$ 65,000	Revenue Cigarette Stamp Printing	\$ 65,000	Revenue General Operating

FY 2008 Appropriations Transfers as of June 4, 2008

Dollars Transferred	Department/Division Transferred To	Dollars Transferred	Department/Division Transferred From
\$ 200,000	College Student Aid Commission Tuition Grant Program	\$ 200,000	College Student Aid Commission Scholarship Grant Reserve Fund
\$ 925,000	Human Services Adoption Subsidy Program	\$ 925,000	Human Services Child and Family Services

The Committee received the following lease-purchase notifications during the Interim:

Lease-Purchase Notifications

Lease-Purchase Principal	Department	Purpose
\$ 188,000	Corrections	Digital video recording system for the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility
\$ 454,000	Corrections	Replacement of door control hardware and software for the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility.

Summary of Committee Agenda Topics and Information Received

- The status of the General Fund budget.
- Updates on the status of significant non-General Fund sources. These included:
 - Endowment for Iowa's Health Account
 - Restricted Capital Fund of the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund
 - Endowment for Iowa's Health Restricted Capitals Fund of the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund
 - Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust (HITT) Fund
 - Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF)
 - Environment First Fund
 - Senior Living Trust Fund
- The Governor's item-vetoes from the FY 2008 Appropriations Acts.
- The FY 2009 built-in and planned expenditures.
- Updates on the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (hawk-i) Program.
- Updates on the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).
- Update on the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and the pending federal extension of the Program.
- Update on the Capitol Complex Building Construction Projects including the Mercy Medical Center property.
- Information on Military Pay Differential expenditures.
- The Early-Out Employee Information from the Department of Administrative Services.
- Listing of **Issue Reviews** prepared by LSA staff.
- Update on various Veterans Program expenditures.
- The Legislative Analysis of the FY 2009 Department Budget Requests for the 2008 Legislative Session.

Materials distributed to the Committee related to these topics are maintained at the Fiscal Services Division office and are available on request. The agenda, minutes, and handouts for each meeting can be found on the LSA web site at:

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/Committees/Committee.aspx?id=46>

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the 2007 Interim,

Senator Bob Dvorsky
Co-chairperson

Representative Jo Oldson
Co-chairperson

Chair Senator Tom Courtney
Senator Michael Connolly, VC
Senator Pat Ward, RM
Senator Mary Lundby
Senator Becky Schmitz



Attachment B
Chair Representative Vicki Lensing
Representative Wayne Ford, VC
Representative Ralph Watts, RM
Representative Clel Baudler
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Representative Steven Olson
Representative Kurt Swain
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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Legislative Council

From: Chairpersons Senator Thomas Courtney and Representative Vicki Lensing

Date: June 12, 2008

Re: Departments and programs reviewed by the Government Oversight Committee during the 2008 Legislative Session and topics selected for review during the 2008 interim.

As required in 2002 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1162 (SF 2325 - FY 2002 Oversight Government Reform Act), the Government Oversight Committee is reporting to the Legislative Council regarding the activities during the 2008 Legislative Session and the areas selected for review during the 2008 interim by the Government Oversight Committee.

The schedule of Committee meetings for the 2008 interim began with meetings on June 9 and 10. Other meetings have been tentatively scheduled as follows:

- July 21 and 22
- September 15 and 16
- October 27 and 28
- December 15 and 16

The Government Oversight Committee adopted the following recommendation for Legislative Council Consideration:

The Government Oversight Committee requests that the Legislative Council continue to recommend that any required reports adopted in 2008 legislation, not otherwise specified to be received by a designated agency, entity, or Committee, be submitted to the Government Oversight Committee for review.

The following information is also included with this report:

1. **Attachment 1** is a listing of topics discussed during the 2008 Legislative Session, Joint Government Oversight Committee meetings. The Committee met jointly seven times beginning on January 23, 2008. Specific information regarding the agendas, minutes, and handouts from those meetings can be found under "Committee Information" at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/ga/committee.do?id=41>.

2. **Attachment 2** is a listing of potential topics for review during the 2008 interim. The list includes regular updates that are submitted to the Committee. The updates include monthly, quarterly, and semi-annual status reports to the Government Oversight Committee by State agencies, project teams, and elected officials.
3. **Attachment 3** is a listing of Bills sponsored by the Government Oversight Committee during the 2008 Legislative Session.

A list of 2008 required reports is being developed and will be provided with the submission of the 2008 interim report to the Legislative Council prior to the 2009 legislative session.

If you have any questions, please contact LSA staff:

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Joint Government Oversight Committee Meetings List of Topics Discussed During Joint Meetings in the 2008 Legislative Session

January 23

- Discussion by Co-Chairs of 2008 Session.
- Introduction of Acting CEO of Iowa Lottery Authority. Discussion of Lottery security procedures and concerns about Lottery security measures that the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman raised.
Speakers: Mary Neubauer, Steve King, and Ken Brickman from Iowa Lottery and William Angrick and Jeff Burnham from the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.

January 30

- Continued discussion of security concerns regarding Iowa Lottery. Speakers from January 23 were invited back to follow-up and discuss possible resolutions.

February 6

- Update on I/3 System and other DAS Enterprises by the Department of Administrative Services.
Speakers: Mollie Anderson, Director, Department of Administrative Services and John Gillispie, COO, Information Technology Enterprise (ITE).

February 13

- Continued discussion by the Department of Administrative Services on the I/3 System and ITE. Speakers from February 6 were invited back to continue the discussion because of time constraints at the previous meeting.

February 20

- Discussion of wastewater discharges into waters of the State through bypasses, sanitary sewer overflows, and combined sewer overflows, and unsewered communities and related costs for local governmental entities in updating systems.
Speaker: Barbara Lynch, Department of Natural Resources.

March 12

- Discussion of options for unsewered rural communities and possibilities for local communities to finance wastewater system upgrades.
Speakers: Emily Piper, Iowa Rural Water, Randy Pleima, Mahaska Rural Water Association (Oskaloosa), Dan McIntosh, Southern Rural Water Association (Creston), and Lorie Bennett, City Administrator, Humboldt.

- Discussion by the Department of Human Services on reforms of the child welfare system, juvenile justice, and mental health systems.
Speakers: Kevin Concannon, Director and Mary Nelson, Division Administrator.

April 1

- Joint meeting to discuss status of bills, in particular SF 2403, HF 917, and HSB 788. The Chairperson asked that topics for the interim be submitted for consideration.

**In addition to the joint meetings listed above, the Senate and House Government Oversight Committees met separately to assign and consider bills as necessary.

**Joint Government Oversight Committee
List of Possible Topics for 2008 Interim Meeting Agendas
Draft - Updated as of June 2, 2008**

- Discussion on electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards for the Food Assistance Program and the potential elimination of the fees that retailers receive per swipe when the cards are used. Related to HSB 562 of 2008 Legislative Session.
- Update by the Ombudsman on the Ombudsman's 2007 Annual Report, current investigations, and issues and concerns that may require legislative attention.
- Discussion of investor issues and concerns relating to Metromedia International Group, Inc.
- Update on Office of Treasurer's report on Iowa's Unclaimed Property Program.
- Update on report by the Office of the Attorney General relating to improving the Iowa Student Loan and mechanisms for student loans in general.
- Discussion on bonuses and other pay in State agencies.

Regular Updates during the 2008 Legislative Session and Interim

- Grants Enterprise Management System (GEMS) – DOM provides update.
- Department of Administrative Services (DAS) – DAS provides update.
- Integrated Information for Iowa (I/3) Project – DAS to provide materials.
- Help America Vote Act (HAVA) – Secretary of State provides update.
- Homeland Security/E911 – LSA provides quarterly updates on funding and expenditures.
- Lottery – The Lottery provides semi-annual updates and annual budget.
- Board of Regents – Provide monthly updates regarding status of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School and efforts to provide necessary services to Iowans.

**In addition to the items mentioned above, the Co-Chairs may select items from suggestions by the Committee Members as the interim progresses as well as from topics referred to the Committee by Senate and House Leadership.

Bills Sponsored by the Government Oversight Committee 2008 Session	
Bill	Bill Title
<u>HF 917</u>	A bill for an act concerning appropriations to the office of grants enterprise management and including an effective date and retroactive applicability provision. (Formerly HSB 312)
<u>HF 933</u>	A bill for an act relating to insurance by allowing certain associations to qualify as self-insurers for purposes of Iowa's motor vehicle financial responsibility laws and by expanding the powers of the commissioner of insurance to enforce the state's insurance laws. (Formerly HSB 313)
<u>HF 2674</u>	A bill for an act concerning appropriations to the office of grants enterprise management and including an effective date provision. (Formerly HF 917). <i>Approved by the General Assembly on April 23, 2008, and signed by Governor on May 10, 2008.</i>
<u>HF 2690</u>	A bill for an act relating to student loans, including the protection of students and parents from certain lenders of higher education with conflicts of interest, establishing a student lending education fund, establishing penalties, and providing for properly related matters, and including an effective date. (Formerly HSB 788). <i>Approved by the General Assembly on April 24, 2008, and signed by the Governor on May 5, 2008.</i>
<u>SF 577</u>	A bill for an act relating to administration of provisions involving violations of the state's noncompetition by government law. (Formerly SSB 1346.)
<u>SF 594</u>	A bill for an act relating to employment, including whistleblower complaints received by the citizens' aide and disclosures of information by health care workers, and providing penalties. (Formerly SSB 1262.)
<u>SF 605</u>	A bill for an act relating to student loans, including the protection of students and parents from certain lenders and institutions of higher education with conflicts of interest, and establishing penalties and a student lending education fund. (Formerly SSB 1360.)
<u>SF 2403</u>	A bill for an act concerning the ability of the lottery authority to operate a joint lottery with a lottery operated outside of the United States. (Formerly SSB 3247).
<u>SF 2404</u>	A bill for an act relating to state agency reporting of the receipt of gifts, bequests, and grants. (Formerly SSB 3263).

<u>SF 2413</u>	A bill for an act relating to school budgets, including by providing for requests and applications submitted by school districts to the school budget review committee and documents submitted to other state agencies concerning school district finances, and providing and effective date. <i>Approved by the General Assembly on April 24, 2008, and signed by the Governor on May 7, 2008.</i>
<u>SF 2431</u>	A bill for an act relating to student loans, including the protection of students and parents from certain lenders and institutions of higher education with conflicts of interest, establishing a student lending education fund, establishing penalties, and providing for properly related matters, and including an effective date. (Formerly SSB 3293.)

Report of the International Relations Committee to the Legislative Council June 2008

Meetings: Members of the International Relations Committee of the Legislative Council met on February 26, March 29, and April 9, 2008.

Presentations and Discussion:

- **Budgets and Protocol.** The Committee discussed budgets available for gifts that members may purchase to take on official trips and the budget available for hosting international visitors at the Statehouse. Chairperson Beall and Vice Chairperson Bailey agreed to review the international visitors protocol (adopted in 2000) with the members and staff of their respective chambers.
- **Turkey Delegation.** Representatives of the Iowa Dialog Center addressed the possibility of a group of legislators visiting Turkey in summer 2008.
- **United States Center for Citizen Diplomacy.** Mr. Brice Oakley addressed the Committee about the status of the center, which is located in Des Moines. The center has been interested in securing state funding to combine with private and federal funds.
- **Drake University.** Dr. David Maxwell, President of Drake University, discussed Drake's two international focuses: global education, which means an international perspective that can be provided to students on campus, and international education, which means studying and experiencing life abroad. In addition, presentations were made concerning specific programs by Professor David Skidmore, Director of the Center for Global Citizenship, Ms. Gretchen Olson, Director of International Programs, Ms. Leslie Mamoorian, Associate Director of International Admissions, and Mr. Kirk Martin, Director of the Chinese Cultural Exchange Program. The colleges and universities in the state cooperate in recruiting international students.
- **Iowa State University.** Dr. Max Rothschild, Distinguished Professor of Animal Science explained that an international perspectives course is required for most majors at the university. He described the activities of the Study Abroad Center, which offers courses to prepare students to go overseas for both short-term and long-term stays, and the Volunteer Service Learning Program, which increases students' understanding that much of the world is not as well off as the United States.
- **Iowa Council for International Understanding.** Ambassador Mary Kramer explained that the council's mission is to build cultural understanding at home and abroad, one person at a time. Programs and services include translation services, serving as a conduit for international visitors, recognizing the successes and contributions of refugees, and providing assistance and counseling to families who move to central Iowa from abroad.
- **Iowa Department of Economic Development (DED).** Ms. Kathy Hill of the department's International Office, described trade mission activity and other departmental efforts involving other nations.
- **Thailand.** Mr. Sursee Rodari of Banker's Trust, discussed the possibility of promoting sister city and sister state relationships between Thailand and Iowa. Members discussed DED's recent approaches of developing specialized relationships between cities and states in other nations as alternatives to general ties developed under the sister state or city programs.

Report of the Studies Committee as Amended and Approved by the Legislative Council on June 12, 2008 2008 Legislative Interim Studies

A. Carryover Studies From 2007 Interim

1. Criminal Code Reorganization Study Committee

Charge: Meet during the 2007 and 2008 Legislative Interims to consider proposals for Criminal Code revisions, reorganization, and updates.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House/8 voting public members appointed by leaders to represent each of the following: Professor from University of Iowa College of Law, Professor from Drake University Law School, district court judge, Iowa Attorney General, State Public Defender, Iowa County Attorneys Association, Iowa Board of Parole, and Department of Corrections. The Committee and its subcommittees are authorized to hold meetings outside the Des Moines area.

Meeting Days: 2 days for 2008

2. Legislative Property Tax Study Committee (2007 Iowa Acts, S.F. 601, § 127)

Charge: The Legislative Property Tax Study Committee is established for the 2007 and 2008 Legislative Interims to perform a comprehensive review of the property tax system. The Study Committee may contract for analysis or other services. The cost for such contracting shall not exceed \$150,000.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House/9 nonvoting members appointed by leaders, including one nonvoting member who is engaged in economic development activities in the state/3 nonvoting executive branch agency members appointed by the Governor.

Meeting Days: 2 days for 2008

B. Other Interim Studies

1. Effects of Flooding on Livestock Industry Study Committee

Charge: Consider the effects of the 2008 flooding on the Iowa livestock industry, including commodity prices, differential effects on small and large producers, financing issues, and effects on businesses associated with the livestock industry. The Study Committee shall consult with experts who can provide options to address the challenges being confronted.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 2

2. Energy Efficiency Plans and Programs Study Committee

Charge: Examine the existence and effectiveness of energy efficiency plans and programs implemented by gas and electric public utilities, with an emphasis on results achieved by current plans and programs from the demand, or customer, perspective, and make recommendations for additional requirements applicable to energy efficiency plans and programs that would improve such results. In conducting the study and developing recommendations, the Study Committee shall consider testimony from the Iowa Utilities Board, rate-regulated and nonrate-regulated gas and electric utilities, the Consumer Advocate, state agencies involved with energy efficiency program administration, environmental groups and associations, and consumers.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 2

3. Identity Theft Prevention Study Committee

Charge: Assess and review the extent to which personal, identifying information of a resident of this state is in the possession of government or government-affiliated organizations, and which, if disclosed, could render the resident vulnerable to identity theft. Also assess the extent to which public officials, government organizations, and affiliated organizations make available, are in possession of, have access to, or are disclosing or selling such information for compensation. Based upon this assessment and review, the Committee shall develop recommendations relating to these practices.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

Meeting Days: 1

4. Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Facility Analysis

Charge: Issue a request for proposals to contract for an independent entity to analyze and make recommendations for an optimal site and facilities for the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. The analysis shall address the considerations necessary for relocating the academy. The cost of the analysis shall not exceed \$150,000.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House members from the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on the Justice System

Meeting Days: 1

5. Mass Transit Study Committee

Charge: Study the ways in which mass transit might be employed to provide public transportation services among Iowa communities. Consider the ways mass transit availability affects various populations in rural and urban communities, particularly those who are unable to drive or cannot afford to own a motor vehicle; determine any impact mass transit within communities can have on population levels, quality of life, and economic development in urban job centers, small and satellite communities, and rural towns; identify the effect of mass transit on greenhouse gases and on overall air quality; determine the level of public need for mass transit, including any specific areas in immediate need; investigate the feasibility of expanding mass transit services and the types and combination of services that might comprise a state mass transit system; identify potential costs and funding mechanisms for developing and maintaining specific mass transit services; and assess the attitudes and habits of Iowans concerning personal transportation and ways to educate the public about the economic, social, and environmental advantages of mass transit. Consult with the interests listed in 2008 Iowa Acts, S.F. 2425, § 146, in conducting the study.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

Meeting Days: 1

6. Medicaid Elderly Waiver Program Study Committee

Charge: Review the services, costs, and requirements under the Medicaid Home and Community-based Services Elderly Waiver Program. Consult with the Department of Human Services and persons interested in the program. Make recommendations for appropriate changes to the program.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

Meeting Days: 1

7. Medicaid Program Drug Product Selection Study Committee

Charge: Convene public and private stakeholders to review current law for drug product selection under the Medicaid program.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

Meeting Days: 1

8. Postsecondary Education Rigor Analysis

Charge: Issue a request for proposals to contract for an independent entity to analyze and compare the rigor of the first two years of study at community colleges and institutions of higher education governed by the State Board of Regents. Make the report of the analysis publicly available by July 1, 2009. (required by 2008 Iowa Acts, H.F. 2679, § 7)

Members: 3 Senate/3 House members who are involved with an education standing committee or joint appropriations subcommittee

Meeting Days: 1

C. Procedural Items

1. Completion Deadline. The previously approved deadline for completion of 2008 interim study committee meetings is December 15, 2008. An interim study committee must meet the deadline or receive an exemption or a revised deadline date from the Legislative Council. (Study Guidelines approved by the Legislative Council June 13, 2007)

2. Membership Changes. Any change in membership numbers and voting status of the members of a legislative interim study body approved by the Legislative Council requires the approval of the Studies Committee and Legislative Council or legislative leadership.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 12, 2008

The Service Committee of the Legislative Council met on June 12, 2008, and makes the following report and recommendations to the Legislative Council for approval:

I. PERSONNEL REPORTS

A. The Service Committee received and filed the annual personnel report from the Legislative Services Agency and recommends that the following employees be promoted or given an exceptional meritorious increase, subject to performance review with approval of and effective date set by the director of the agency:

- Mr. David Craft, from Legislative Document Technician 2, grade 22, step 5, to Legislative Document Technician 3, grade 25, step 3.
- Mr. Kevin Nelson, from Legislative Document Technician 1, grade 19, step 4, to Legislative Document Technician 2, grade 22, step 2.
- Mr. Mark Hagen, from Legislative Document Technician 1, grade 19, step 3, to Legislative Document Technician 2, grade 22, step 2.
- Ms. Diane Kirk, from Legislative Document Technician 1, grade 19, step 2, to Legislative Document Technician 2, grade 22, step 1.
- Ms. Trina Rudicil, from Legislative Document Technician 1, grade 19, step 4, to Legislative Document Technician 1, grade 19, step 5, a one-step exceptional meritorious increase.
- Mr. Bob Lamberti, from Legislative Information Officer 1, grade 24, step 4, to Legislative Information Officer 2, grade 27, step 3.
- Ms. Robin Madison, from Legislative Analyst 3, grade 35, step 3, to Sr. Legislative Analyst, grade 38, step 2.
- Ms. Jennifer Acton, from Legislative Analyst 3, grade 35, step 3, to Sr. Legislative Analyst, grade 38, step 2.
- Mr. Brian Rodenkirk, from Computer Systems Engineer 2, grade 32, step 2, to Sr. Computer Systems Engineer, grade 35, step 1.
- Ms. Ann Ver Heul, from Legal Counsel 2, grade 35, step 4, to Sr. Legal Counsel, grade 38, step 3.
- Ms. Amanda Knief, from Legal Counsel, grade 30, step 3, to Legal Counsel 1, grade 32, step 3.
- Mr. Michael Duster, from Legal Counsel, grade 30, step 2, to Legal Counsel 1, grade 32, step 2.
- Ms. Nancy Westbrook, from Assistant Editor 1, grade 24, step 6, to Assistant Editor 2, grade 27, step 4.
- Mr. Mark Weiford, from Assistant Editor 1, grade 24, step 3, to Assistant Editor 2, grade 27, step 2.

- Ms. Nancy Dugan, Publications Assistant, grade 21, step 4, to Assistant Editor 1, grade 24, step 2.
- Mr. Jamie Croatt, from Publications Assistant, grade 21, step 3, to Assistant Editor 1, grade 24, step 1.

The Service Committee recommends the establishment and filling of editor/supervisor positions for employees at grade 39 in the Legal or Fiscal Services Divisions, or at grade 36 in the Computer Services Division. To be eligible, an employee must qualify for the highest position in the Legal Counsel or Legislative or Research Analyst job series, or in the Computer Systems Engineer or Analyst job series, and be assigned substantial editing or supervisory duties for a majority of the employee's time.

B. The Service Committee received and filed the annual personnel report from the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman and recommends that the following employee be promoted and given an exceptional meritorious increase subject to performance review with approval of and effective date set by the director of the agency:

- Mr. Charles "Andy" Teas, from Assistant 1, grade 29, step 2, to Assistant 2, grade 32, step 2.

The Service Committee recommends the following position changes in the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman at the request of the Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman:

- Eliminate the Deputy Ombudsman position at grade 38.
- Change the title of the Senior Deputy Ombudsman at grade 41 to Deputy Ombudsman.

II. CENTRAL STAFF AGENCY FY 2009 BUDGETS

The Service Committee recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed budget and budget allocations, as revised, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, pursuant to Code section 2.12, as submitted by the following agencies:

- Legislative Services Agency
- Office of the Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Michael E. Gronstal
Chairperson