



# MINUTES

## Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

June 28, 2012 Second Meeting of the 2011-2012 Biennium

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Amanda Ragan,  
Chairperson  
Senator Michael E. Gronstal  
Senator Steve Kettering  
Senator John P. (Jack) Kibbie

Speaker Kraig Paulsen,  
Vice Chairperson  
Representative Peter Cownie  
Representative Kevin M. McCarthy  
Representative Linda L. Upmeyer

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## MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business
- II. Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies
- III. Report of the Studies Committee
- IV. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency



## Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

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### **I. Procedural Business**

**Convening.** Chairperson Amanda Ragan called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012, in Room 22 of the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Approval of the Minutes.** Chairperson Ragan sought to entertain a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2011, meeting of the Studies Committee. Vice Chairperson Kraig Paulsen moved that the minutes from the August 16, 2011, meeting be approved. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was adopted by voice vote.

**Adjournment.** The Studies Committee adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

### **II. Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies**

**A. Studies Proposals.** Chairperson Ragan offered a Proposal for 2012 Legislative Interim Studies, a copy of which is on file with the Legislative Services Agency, that addressed five proposed interim study issues.

Senator John P. “Jack” Kibbie moved that the proposed studies be approved with the suggested number of members and meeting days contained in the proposal. Vice Chairperson Paulsen seconded the motion. The proposed list of interim studies was adopted by voice vote.

### **III. Report of the Studies Committee**

The study proposals recommended by the Studies Committee were compiled into one report to be presented to the Legislative Council for approval. A copy of the Report of the Studies Committee to the Legislative Council containing the study proposals is attached to these minutes.

### **IV. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency**

**A.** Studies Compilation: 2012 Legislative Interim Study Information, prepared by the Legislative Services Agency (June 6, 2012).

**B.** Proposal for 2012 Legislative Interim Studies, distributed by Chairperson Ragan.

**C.** Minutes of the August 16, 2011, meeting of the Studies Committee.

**REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE  
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
June 28, 2012**

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on June 28, 2012, and makes the following report for approval by the Legislative Council:

**2012 Studies.** That the attached proposal for studies for the 2012 Interim be adopted by the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Amanda Ragan  
Chairperson

# **Proposal for 2012 Legislative Interim Studies**

## **A. Statutory Committees**

### **1. Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee** (Iowa Code §§ 2.45(5) and 2.48)

**Charge:** The committee is a permanent body created under the Legislative Council. It is required by statute to approve annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year and perform a scheduled review of specified tax credits so that each credit is reviewed at least every five years. The second scheduled review, to review the Fund of Funds, targeted jobs withholding credits, the funding of urban renewal projects with sales tax revenue, school tuition organization tax credits, and tuition and textbook tax credits, is in 2012.

**Members:** 5 Senate / 5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1

### **2. State Government Efficiency Review Committee** (Iowa Code § 2.69)

**Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee that meets, as directed by the Legislative Council, at least every two years to review state government organization and efficiency. The committee met initially in 2011, and the first report is due January 1, 2013.

**Members:** 5 Senate / 5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1

### **3. Property Assessment Appeal Board Review Committee** (Iowa Code § 421.1A(7))

**Charge:** The review committee was established as of January 1, 2012. The review committee is required to submit a report recommending any changes to the Property Assessment Appeal Board. The report is due January 15, 2013. Staffing assistance for the committee is provided by the Department of Revenue.

**Members:** 3 Senate / 3 House / 3 State and Local Officials

**Meeting Days Authorized For Legislator Per Diem And Expenses:** 2

## **B. Other Interim Committees**

### **1. Mental Health and Disability Services Redesign Fiscal Viability Study Committee** (2012 Iowa Acts, SF 2315, § 131)

**Charge:** The committee shall meet in the 2012 Legislative Interim to analyze the fiscal viability of the mental health and disability services redesign provisions enacted in the 2012 Legislative Session. Upon request to and approval by legislative leadership, the committee may contract to have an independent analysis performed. Reports of such an analysis are required to be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration during the 2013 Legislative Session.

**Members:** 5 Senate / 5 House

**Meeting Days:** 2

**2. Electronic Commerce Study Committee** (Memorandum to the Studies Committee)

**Charge:** The committee shall meet in the 2012 Legislative Interim to collect information from stakeholders relating to the collection of sales and use taxes from local and Internet-based retailers (known as “E-fairness”) and the collection of electronic payment transaction interchange fees (known as swipe fees).

**Members:** 3 Senate / 3 House

**Meeting Days:** 1