



# MINUTES

## Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

August 10, 2015 First Meeting of the 2015-2016 Biennium

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Michael E. Gronstal, Chairperson  
Senator Pam Jochum  
Senator David Johnson  
Senator Amanda Ragan  
Senator Charles Schneider

Speaker Kraig Paulsen, Vice Chairperson  
Representative Mark D. Smith  
Representative Sally Stutsman  
Representative Linda L. Upmeyer

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## MEETING IN BRIEF

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



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### I. Procedural Business

**Call to Order.** Temporary Chairperson Michael E. Gronstal called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2015, in Room 22 of the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa. Senator David Johnson and Representative Sally Stutsman attended the meeting via a telecommunications connection. Temporary Chairperson Gronstal excused Representative Peter Cownie who was not present.

**Appointment of Chairpersons:** Senator Pam Jochum moved that the committee elect Senator Gronstal as Chairperson and Speaker Kraig Paulsen as Vice Chairperson of the Studies Committee. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

**Approval of the Minutes.** Representative Stutsman moved that the minutes from the June 25, 2014, Studies Committee meeting be approved. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was adopted by a voice vote.

**Adjournment.** The Studies Committee adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

### II. Consideration of Proposed Studies Guidelines

**Adoption of Guidelines.** Chairperson Gronstal sought to entertain a motion to approve the Proposed Guidelines for Interim Study Committees for 2015-2016 Legislative Interims. Senator Amanda Ragan moved that the Proposed Guidelines for Interim Study Committees for 2015-2016 Legislative Interims be approved. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

### III. Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies

Chairperson Gronstal offered a Leadership Proposal for 2015 Legislative Interim Studies, a copy of which is on file with the Legislative Services Agency, that addressed nine proposed interim study topics.

Senator Gronstal entertained a motion that the proposed studies be approved with the suggested number of members and meeting days contained in the proposal, along with the proposed Legislative Council Resolution for the appointment of the Iowa Commission on Interstate Cooperation. The Proposal for 2015 Legislative Interim Studies and the resolution were adopted by a voice vote.

### IV. Report of the Studies Committee

The study proposals recommended by the Studies Committee and the resolution 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, the resolution, and the adopted guidelines is attached to these minutes.



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- V. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency**
- A.** Studies Compilation: 2015 Legislative Interim Study Information, prepared by the Legislative Services Agency (August 3, 2015).
- B.** Leadership Proposal for 2015 Legislative Interim Studies and Legislative Council Resolution, distributed by Chairperson Gronstal.
- C.** Minutes of the June 25, 2014, meeting of the Studies Committee.

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