



# **MINUTES**

## **Studies Committee of the Legislative Council**

**Thursday, June 22, 2017**

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### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Bill Dix, Vice Chairperson  
Senator Robert Hogg  
Senator Amanda Ragan  
Senator Charles Schneider  
Senator Jack Whitver

Speaker Linda L. Upmeyer, Chairperson  
Representative Liz Bennett  
Representative Peter Cownie  
Representative Chris Hagenow  
Representative Mark D. Smith

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## Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

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### I. Procedural Business

**Call to Order.** Temporary Chairperson Linda L. Upmeyer called the first meeting of the 2017-2018 Biennium to order at 10:34 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2017, in Room 22 of the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa. Representative Liz Bennett attended the meeting via a telecommunications connection.

**Appointment of Chairpersons:** Representative Chris Hagenow moved that the committee elect Speaker Linda L. Upmeyer as Chairperson and Senator Bill Dix as Vice Chairperson of the Studies Committee. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

**Approval of the Minutes.** Representative Hagenow moved that the minutes from the July 12, 2016, Studies Committee meeting be approved. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was adopted by a voice vote.

**Adjournment.** The Studies Committee was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

### II. Consideration of Proposed Studies Guidelines

**Adoption of Guidelines.** Chairperson Upmeyer sought a motion to approve the Proposed Guidelines for Interim Study Committees for study committee meetings to be held during the 2017-2018 legislative interims. Senator Amanda Ragan moved that the proposed guidelines be approved. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

### III. Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies

Chairperson Upmeyer offered a Leadership Proposal for 2017 Legislative Interim Studies, a copy of which is on file with the Legislative Services Agency, that addressed six proposed interim study topics.

Senator Robert Hogg moved to add an interim study to the leadership proposal related to health care issues detailed in a study request letter signed by Senator Joe Bolkcom and dated June 21, 2017. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Representative Hagenow moved that the Leadership Proposal for 2016 Legislative Interim Studies be approved with the suggested number of members and with meeting days to be approved by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

### IV. Report of the Studies Committee

The studies guidelines and study proposals recommended by the Studies Committee were compiled into a 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 guidelines and study proposals, is attached to these minutes.

### V. Materials Filed with the Legislative Services Agency

1. Studies Compilation: 2017 Legislative Interim Study Information, prepared by the Legislative Services Agency.
2. Guidelines for Interim Study Committees – 2017-2018 Interims.
3. Leadership Proposal for 2017 Legislative Interim Studies.
4. Minutes of the July 12, 2016, meeting of the Studies Committee.

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# **REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**June 22, 2017**

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on June 22, 2017, and makes the following report for approval by the Legislative Council:

**Guidelines.** That the attached guidelines for 2017 and 2018 interim studies be adopted by the Legislative Council.

**2017 Studies.** That the attached proposal for studies for the 2017 Interim be adopted by the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker Linda L. Upmeyer  
Chairperson

# **GUIDELINES FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEES**

## **2017-2018 INTERIMS Submitted June 22, 2017**

### **ADOPTION OF RULES**

Interim study committees must have a majority of the members representing each house voting affirmatively in order to adopt rules.

### **COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC MEMBERS**

Persons serving as public members of study committees are eligible to receive actual expenses only, if they are not eligible for expense reimbursement by an organization that they represent. In order for a public member representing an organization to be eligible to receive actual expenses, the organization must submit a letter to the Legislative Council indicating that the public member is not eligible for the reimbursement from the organization. Payment of the expenses is subject to the approval of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council.

### **STAFF WORK FOR PUBLIC MEMBERS**

After consultation with, as appropriate, the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) Director and legislative leadership, a study committee chair may authorize research or legislative drafting work by the LSA for public members of study committees.

### **APPROVAL OF NOMINEES**

Public members of study committees may be nominated by designated organizations, subject to Legislative Council approval or subject to the approval of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council in consultation with the Minority Leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives.

### **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.

### **GENDER BALANCE**

Appointment of public members to study committees shall be gender balanced.

## APPROVAL OF ACTIONS

A majority vote of a study committee's voting members present is necessary to carry any action; however, recommendations to the Legislative Council or General Assembly must be adopted with the affirmative votes of a majority of the committee's members of each house.

## VOTING BY PUBLIC MEMBERS

Unless otherwise provided by the General Assembly or the Legislative Council, public members of study committees are nonvoting.

## APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AND MEETINGS OUTSIDE DES MOINES

Any additional meeting or a meeting or public hearing by a legislative committee held outside of Des Moines requires the prior approval of the Studies Committee or legislative leadership.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

When authorization is given for a study committee to hold a public hearing, the committee may hold one hearing as a body or individual members may each hold a public hearing or groups of two or more members may hold public hearings. However, for each authorized public hearing, no members of the study committee may receive compensation for attendance at more than one session.

## APPROVAL OF EXPENSES FOR SPEAKERS AND CONSULTING WORK

Any expenditure by a study committee for a speaker or presentation or for any other purpose either requires the prior approval of the Studies Committee and Legislative Council, or legislative leadership, or requires inclusion of the expenditure in a budget proposed by the study committee and approved by the Studies Committee and the Legislative Council, or legislative leadership. Contractual consulting work for a study committee requires the prior approval of the Studies Committee and the Legislative Council. Expenditures shall only be made in accordance with legislative expenditure policies and procedures.

## SCHEDULING GUIDELINES

For the 2017 Interim, the deadline for completion of interim study committee meetings is November 24, 2017, and for the 2018 Interim, the deadline is December 14, 2018. An interim study committee must meet the deadline or receive an exemption or a revised deadline date from the Legislative Council or legislative leadership.

# 2017 Legislative Interim Studies

## A. Statutory Committees

### 1. **Legislative Fiscal Committee** (Iowa Code §§2.45(2) and 2.46)

**Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include directing the administration of performance audits and visitations, studying the operation of state government and making recommendations regarding reorganization to the General Assembly, and conducting studies as assigned by the Legislative Council.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

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

**Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include approving annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year, and performing a scheduled review of specified tax credits so that each credit is reviewed at least every five years. The seventh scheduled review is in 2017.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

### 3. **Health Policy Oversight Committee** (Iowa Code §2.45(6))

**Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include providing continuing oversight for Medicaid managed care, ensuring effective and efficient administration of the program, addressing stakeholder concerns, monitoring programs costs and expenditures, and making recommendations to the General Assembly.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House Meeting

**Days:** As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

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

**Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee required to meet, as directed by the Legislative Council, at least every two years, to review state government organization and efficiency options and receive state government efficiency suggestions offered by the public and public employees. The most recent report was submitted in 2016 and the next report of the committee is due by January 2019.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

### 5. **Public Retirement Systems Committee** (Iowa Code §97D.4)

**Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee that is required to review and evaluate all public retirement systems in place in Iowa, including the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (Code chapter 411), the Department of Public Safety Peace Officers' Retirement System (PORS), and the Judicial Retirement System. The committee typically meets during the legislative interim of odd-numbered years.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

## B. Other Interim Studies

### 1. **Opioid Epidemic Evaluation Study Committee** (2017 Iowa Acts, HF 653 §117)

**Charge:** The study committee shall comprehensively evaluate the state's response to the opioid epidemic in the state, including a review of the protocols and practices relating to the prescribing of opioid medications and the treatment options available including medication-assisted treatment. The study committee shall receive input from agencies and entities including but not limited to representatives of the professional licensing boards for professionals authorized to prescribe controlled substances, representatives of public safety and public health, representatives of the medical community and health insurance payers, and consumers and representatives of consumers. The study committee shall submit a report, including findings and recommendations, to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 15, 2017.

**Members:** 3 Senate/3 House

**Meeting Days:** As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.