



# Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

June 29, 2004

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., Chairperson  
Senator Michael Gronstal  
Senator Jeff Lamberti  
Senator Amanda Ragan  
Senator Doug Shull

Representative Sandra Greiner, Vice Chairperson  
Representative Chuck Gipp  
Representative Delores Mertz  
Representative Pat Murphy  
Representative Christopher Rants

## MEETING IN BRIEF

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### **I. Procedural Business.**

The second meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council for 2003-2004 was called to order by Chairperson Stewart Iverson at 10:10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in Room 116 of the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa.

Upon motion of Senator Gronstal, the minutes of the June 30, 2003, meeting were approved as distributed.

**Adjournment.** The Committee was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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

Chairperson Iverson offered a proposal to continue the Judicial District and Judicial Resources Study Committee from the 2003 Interim, to establish interim studies that were included in a list of 2004 interim studies recommendations, and to extend the previously approved guideline for completion of 2004 studies from December 17, 2004, to January 7, 2005.

Chairperson Iverson also requested that an Adoption Subsidy Program Study Committee be added to the interim studies recommendations which would meet for one day and be comprised of three members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives. A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Greiner to include the Adoption Subsidy Program Study Committee in the interim studies recommendations and was adopted by voice vote.

Chairperson Iverson also requested that a sense amendment be adopted to the "Scope of the Gambling Study" attachment to the interim studies recommendations so that the first paragraph of the attachment would state that due to time and budget restraints, the consultant would likely not cover "all" of the sub-points instead of "many" of the sub-points as contained in the attachment. A motion to that effect was made and adopted by voice vote. Senator Lamberti expressed a desire for the study to be completed as quickly as possible.

Representative Mertz moved the adoption of the 2004 interim studies recommendations as amended. The motion was adopted by voice vote. It was noted that the Studies Committee will retain authority to oversee the gambling study.

### **III. Committee Report to Legislative Council.**

The proposals adopted by the Committee were compiled into one report to be presented to the Legislative Council. The Committee report is attached and by this reference is made a part of these minutes.

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

**A.** Studies Compilation of Required and Requested Studies, prepared by the Legislative Services Agency.

**B.** 2004 Interim Studies Recommendations with a Scope of Gambling Study attachment, distributed by Chairperson Iverson and Vice Chairperson Greiner as part of the packet to the members.



**C.** Handout submitted by the Coalition Against Abusive Lending supporting a study concerning lending practices in Iowa.

**D.** Handout submitted by the Child and Family Policy Center, concerning the Adoption Subsidy Program in Iowa.

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