



MINUTES Studies Committee

Thursday, July 11, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Jack Whitver, Chairperson
Senator Waylon Brown
Senator Janet Petersen
Senator Amanda Ragan
Senator Charles Schneider

Representative Linda L. Upmeyer, Vice Chairperson
Representative John Forbes
Representative Chris Hagenow
Representative Brian Meyer
Representative John H. Wills

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I. Procedural Business

Call to Order and Adjournment. The meeting of the Studies Committee was called to order by temporary Chairperson Whitver at 11:24 a.m., Thursday, July 11, 2019, in Room 22 of the State Capitol, Des Moines. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. Senators Amanda Ragan and Charles Schneider attended the meeting via a telecommunication connection.

Election of Chairpersons. Representative Forbes moved that the committee elect Senator Jack Whitver as Chairperson and Representative Linda Upmeyer as Vice Chairperson of the Studies Committee. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes. Vice Chairperson Upmeyer moved that the minutes from the June 25, 2018, Studies Committee meeting be approved. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was adopted by a voice vote.

II. Consideration of Guidelines for 2019-2020 Interim Study Committees

Adoption of Guidelines. Chairperson Whitver sought a motion to approve the Proposed Guidelines for Interim Study Committees for study committee meetings to be held during the 2019-2020 legislative interims. Vice Chairperson Upmeyer moved that the proposed guidelines be approved. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

III. Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies

Chairperson Whitver offered a Leadership Proposal for 2019 Legislative Interim Studies, a copy of which is on file with the Legislative Services Agency, that addressed nine proposed interim study topics.

Senator Petersen moved to add an interim study to the leadership proposal related to programs and facilities under the purview of the Department of Human Services detailed in a study request letter signed by Senators Amanda Ragan, Pam Jochum, and Joe Bolkcom and dated July 10, 2019. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Vice Chairperson Upmeyer moved that the Leadership Proposal for 2019 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. Senator Petersen requested that the proposal note that meeting days for interim committees must comply with existing law. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

IV. Other Business

Representative Forbes moved to add an interim study to the leadership proposal related to medical cannabis detailed in a study request letter signed by Senators Joe Bolkcom and John Forbes and dated July 8, 2019. The motion failed on a vote of five to four.

V. 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 studies guidelines and study proposals, are attached to these minutes.



VI. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency

1. Studies Compilation: 2019 Legislative Interim Study Information, prepared by the Legislative Services Agency (July 2, 2019).
2. Leadership Proposal for 2019 Legislative Interim Studies.
3. Minutes of the June 25, 2018, meeting of the Studies Committee.
4. Guidelines for Interim Study Committees — 2019-2020 Interims.

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