



# MINUTES

## Studies Committee

Thursday, September 14, 2023

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### MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Jack Whitver, Chairperson  
Senator Chris Cournoyer  
Senator Pam Jochum  
Senator Amy Sinclair  
Senator Sarah Trone Garriott

Representative Pat Grassley, Vice Chairperson  
Representative Lindsay James  
Representative Amy Nielsen  
Representative John H. Wills  
Representative Matt W. Windschitl

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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 11:15 a.m., Thursday, September 14, 2023, in Room 22 of the State Capitol, Des Moines. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m. Senators Chris Cournoyer, Pam Jochum, Amy Sinclair, and Sarah Trone Garriott, and Representatives Lindsay James, Amy Nielsen, John H. Wills, and Matt W. Windschitl attended the meeting via a telecommunication connection.

**Election of Permanent Chairpersons.** Senator Sinclair moved that the committee elect temporary Chairperson Jack Whitver as Chairperson and temporary Vice Chairperson Pat Grassley as Vice Chairperson of the Studies Committee. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes.** Vice Chairperson Grassley moved that the minutes from the August 22, 2022, Studies Committee meeting be approved. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was adopted by a voice vote.

### II. Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies

Chairperson Whitver offered a Leadership Proposal for 2023 Legislative Interim Studies, a copy of which is on file with the Legislative Services Agency, that addressed seven proposed interim study topics and included proposed guidelines for study committee meetings to be held during the 2023-2024 legislative interims. Vice Chairperson Grassley moved that the Leadership Proposal for 2023 Legislative Interim Studies be approved. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

### III. 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, is attached to these minutes.

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

1. Studies Compilation: 2023 Legislative Interim Study Information, prepared by the Legislative Services Agency (June 21, 2023).
2. Leadership Proposal for 2023 Legislative Interim Studies.
3. Minutes of the August 22, 2022, meeting of the Studies Committee.
4. Guidelines for Interim Study Committees — 2023-2024 Interims.
5. 2023 Report of the Studies Committee to the Legislative Council.

# REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 14, 2023

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on September 14, 2023, and makes the following report for approval by the Legislative Council:

**Guidelines.** That the attached guidelines for 2023 and 2024 interim studies be adopted by the Legislative Council.

**2023 Studies.** That the attached proposal for studies for the 2023 Interim be adopted by the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jack Whitver

Chairperson

# **GUIDELINES FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEES**

## **2023-2024 INTERIMS Adopted September 14, 2023**

### **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 2023 Interim, the deadline for completion of interim study committee meetings is November 24, 2023, and for the 2024 Interim, the deadline is December 8, 2023. An interim study committee must meet the deadline or receive an exemption or a revised deadline date from the Legislative Council or legislative leadership.

## 2023 Legislative Interim Studies

### A. Statutory Committees

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

**Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include examining budget and expenditure matters, directing the administration of performance audits and visitations, and studying the operation of state government and making recommendations regarding reorganization to the General Assembly.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

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

#### 2. **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 program 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.

#### 3. **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 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.

#### 4. **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 (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. Minor Driver's License Interim Study Committee** (2023 Iowa Acts, SF 542, §23)

**Charge:** The committee is required to examine policy matters and make recommendations on statutory changes relating to licensed driving by persons between 14 and 18 years of age. The committee shall submit a report to the General Assembly by December 15, 2023.

**Members:** 3 Senate/3 House, 5 public members.

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

### **2. Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Interim Study Committee** (2023 Iowa Acts, SF 562, §29)

**Charge:** Review and evaluate Iowa Law Enforcement Academy entrance requirements, courses of study, attendance requirements, equipment and facility sufficiency, training requirements, and fitness standards, and consider additional locations for law enforcement training schools and current and future facility needs. The committee shall submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2023.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House, 12 public members.

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

### **3. Human Trafficking Interim Study Committee** (2023 Iowa Acts, SF 562, §30)

**Charge:** Review initiatives, laws, policies, and other matters relating to human trafficking, including appropriate human trafficking-related training for law enforcement officers, county attorneys, and juvenile service officers and identification of funding needs. The committee shall submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2023.

**Members:** 3 Senate/3 House, up to 15 public members.

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