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Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

June 25, 2014 Second Meeting of the 2013-2014 Biennium

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Amanda Ragan, Vice Chairperson
Senator Michael E. Gronstal
Senator Pam Jochum
Senator David Johnson
Senator Tim L. Kapucian

Speaker Kraig Paulsen, Chairperson
Representative Peter Cownie
Representative Mark D. Smith
Representative Linda L. Upmeyer

MEETING IN BRIEF

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

I. Procedural Business

Convening. Chairperson Paulsen called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, in Room 22 of the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa. Chairperson Paulsen excused all members not present until they arrived. Senator David Johnson attended the meeting via phone.

Approval of the Minutes. Chairperson Paulsen sought a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2013, meeting of the Studies Committee. Representative Smith moved that the minutes be approved. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was adopted by voice vote.

Adoption of Guidelines. Chairperson Paulsen sought to entertain a motion to reapprove the Guidelines for Interim Study Committees for the 2013-2014 Interims. Senator Gronstal moved that the guidelines be reapproved. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was adopted by voice vote.

Adjournment. The Studies Committee adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

II. Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies

Chairperson Paulsen offered a Leadership Proposal for 2014 Legislative Interim Studies, a copy of which is on file with the Legislative Services Agency, that addressed seven interim study topics.

Relating to the proposal for the Legislative Fiscal Committee (Item A-2), Chairperson Paulsen proposed striking the restriction requiring that the meeting dates for the committee take place following the November 4 election. Representative Smith moved that the Proposal for 2014 Legislative Interim Studies be approved with the suggested number of members, meeting days, and date restrictions contained in the proposal, as amended to strike the date restriction for the Legislative Fiscal Committee. The Proposal for 2014 Legislative Interim Studies was adopted by a voice vote.

III. Report of the Studies Committee

The study proposals recommended by the Studies Committee were compiled into one report to be presented to the Legislative Council for approval. A copy of the 2014 Legislative Interim Studies as reported by the Studies Committee to the Legislative Council is attached and by this reference is made a part of these minutes.

IV. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency

A. Studies Compilation: 2014 Legislative Interim Study Information, prepared by the Legislative Services Agency (June 23, 2014).

B. Leadership Proposal for 2014 Legislative Interim Studies, distributed by Chairperson Paulsen.

C. Minutes of the July 18, 2013, meeting of the Studies Committee.

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REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 25, 2014

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on June 25, 2014, and makes the following report for approval by the Legislative Council:

2014 Studies. That the attached proposal for studies for the 2014 Interim be adopted by the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker Kraig Paulsen
Chairperson

2014 Legislative Interim Studies

A. Statutory Committees

1. School Finance Formula Review Committee

Charge: Prepare a school finance formula status report and provide recommendations in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code §257.1(4), including receiving assistance from the departments of Education, Management, and Revenue; providing recommendations for school finance formula changes or revisions based upon demographic changes, enrollment trends, and property tax valuation fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; providing an analysis of the operation of the school finance formula during the preceding five-year interval; and incorporating a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for their resolution.
Members: 5 Senate / 5 House
Meeting Days: 1 day following the November 4 election

2. 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: 2 days

3. 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 fourth scheduled review is in 2014.
Members: 5 Senate / 5 House
Meeting Days: 1 day following the November 4 election

B. Other Interim Studies

1. Cannabidiol Implementation Study Committee

Charge: Monitor implementation of the limited legalization of use in this state of the marijuana oil known as cannabidiol, consider whether the new law is helping the people it is supposed to help, and review the University of Iowa College of Medicine research study called for by the legislation.
Members: 5 Senate / 5 House
Meeting Days: 1 day on or before September 15, 2014

2. Local Government Mandates Study Committee

Charge: Consider testimony and review information concerning state government mandates on local governments that are not funded by the state.
Members: 5 Senate / 5 House
Meeting Days: 1 day following the November 4 election

3. Local Government Public Records Study Committee

Charge: Study requirements and practices relating to local government public records.
Members: 5 Senate / 5 House
Meeting Days: 1 day following the November 4 election

C. Other Studies-related Items

1. If an appropriate request is received from the Iowa Medical Society and Iowa Association for Justice, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House may authorize a study committee to consider certain medical malpractice issues.