

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

July 11, 2019

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on July 11, 2019 and makes the following report for approval by the Legislative Council:

Guidelines. That the attached guidelines for 2019 and 2020 interim studies be adopted by the Legislative Council.

2019 Studies. That the attached proposal for studies for the 2019 Interim be adopted by the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jack Whitver
Chairperson

GUIDELINES FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEES

**2019-2020 INTERIMS
Submitted July 11, 2019**

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 2019 Interim, the deadline for completion of interim study committee meetings is November 22, 2019, and for the 2020 Interim, the deadline is December 11, 2020. An interim study committee must meet the deadline or receive an exemption or a revised deadline date from the Legislative Council or legislative leadership.

2019 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. **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 committee shall coordinate its efforts with the Tax Credit Review Committee. The ninth scheduled review is in 2019.

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 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.*

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 last report was submitted in 2016 and the next report is due in January 2020.

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 (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.

6. School Finance Formula Review Committee (Iowa Code §257.1(4))

Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee required to meet at least every five years to 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: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

7. Career and Technical Training Implementation Review Committee (2016 Iowa Acts, HF 2392, §77)

Charge: The committee is required to study administrative rules related to career and technical training and work-based learning programs in consultation with former members of the Secondary Career and Technical Programming Task Force, including an assessment of the membership of the regional career and technical education planning partnerships to assure that all affected groups have substantial representation. The committee shall submit its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly for consideration during the 2020 Legislative Session.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

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

8. Fuel Distribution Percentage Formula Review Committee (Iowa Code §452A.3(1)(c))

Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee required to meet at least every six years to review fuel distribution percentage formulas and make recommendations with the assistance of the Department of Revenue and the Department of Transportation. The committee shall formulate recommendations for changes or revisions to the fuel distribution percentage formulas based upon advances in technology, fuel use trends, and fuel price fluctuations observed during the preceding six-year interval; an analysis of the operation of the fuel distribution percentage formulas during the preceding six-year interval; and a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for resolution of those issues. The first report is due by January 1, 2020.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

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

B. Other Interim Studies

1. Tax Credit Review Committee (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2417, §40)

Charge: The committee is required to evaluate tax credits available under Iowa law and consider new or different tax credits, incentive programs, or tax rate or structure changes. The committee shall coordinate its efforts with the Tax Expenditure Committee.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

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

*In accordance with applicable statutory requirements.