

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 14, 2025

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on August 14, 2025, and makes the following report for approval by the Legislative Council:

Guidelines. That the attached guidelines for 2025 and 2026 interim studies be adopted by the Legislative Council.

2025 Studies. That the attached proposal for studies for the 2025 Interim be adopted by the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker Pat Grassley

Chairperson

GUIDELINES FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEES

2025-2026 INTERIMS Adopted August 14, 2025

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.

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 2025 Interim, the deadline for completion of interim study committee meetings is November 21, 2025, and for the 2026 Interim, the deadline is December 11, 2026. An interim study committee must meet the deadline or receive an exemption or a revised deadline date from the Legislative Council or legislative leadership.

2025 Legislative Interim Studies

A. Statutory Committees

1. State Government Efficiency Review Committee (Iowa Code §4A.6(2)(a))

Charge: The committee is required to establish a schedule for the committee to review one-fourth of all boards, commissions, committees, councils, panels, review teams, or foundations each calendar year between calendar years 2025 and 2029 until each has been reviewed, and shall review each board, commission, committee, council, panel, review team, or foundation every four years thereafter. The committee shall prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations by December 21 of each year.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House/1 Employee of the Office of the Governor/The Director of the Department of Management or Designee/The Director of the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing or Designee

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

2. 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.

3. Health Policy Oversight Committee (Iowa Code §2.45(5))

Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include providing 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.

B. Other Committees

1. All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Utility Vehicles on Highways Interim Study Committee (2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 659, § 40)

Charge: The study committee is to examine policy matters and recommend statutory changes relating to the operation of all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles on highways. The study committee shall submit its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 12, 2026.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

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

2. Subacute Mental Health Care Services Interim Study Committee (2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 659, § 41)

Charge: The study committee is required to review and make recommendations related to the provision of subacute mental health care services. The study committee shall submit its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 12, 2026.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

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