

**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.