

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 – 2:30 p.m. – Room 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

President Wayne L. Niederhauser, Chair
Speaker Rebecca D. Lockhart, Vice Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Luz Robles
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes
Rep. Don Ipson
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

Members Absent:

Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Brad L. Dee

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director
Mr. John L. Fellows, General Counsel
Ms. Phalin L. Flowers, Administrative Assistant

Note: A list of other present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Niederhauser called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Chair Lockhart moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Report of the Legislative Process Committee

Rep. Melvin Brown, House Chair, and Sen. Lyle Hillyard, Senate Chair, Legislative Process Committee, distributed and discussed “Utah Legislature: General Session Statistical Comparison 2000 – 2013,” “Legislative Process Committee Options,” and “Presentation to the Legislative Management Committee.” They gave a report on the work of the Legislative Process Committee during the 2013 interim and asked the Legislative Management Committee for direction if the committee would like additional research and study on legislative process.

3. Interim Committee Sunset Reviews

Mr. Eric Weeks, Deputy General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, distributed and discussed “Sunset Review Process” and “Sunset Act & Repealers – Acts of Entities that are Scheduled for Repeal in 2014 and January of 2015.” He gave a status update of each sunset act that is scheduled to end in 2014 or January of 2015. He explained that sunset act reviews are no longer passed in one large bill to keep in compliance with the single-subject ruling. He said that while this practice creates more bills, it allows for a deeper review of each sunset act. He also said that there is no requirement for the Legislative Management Committee to approve the sunset act reviews, but that it has been practice in the past.

MOTION: Vice Chair Lockhart moved to direct staff to work with the chairs of the Judiciary Interim Committee to find sponsors for legislation that will remove the sunset review for Utah Code Subsection 78B-6-802(1)(i) and Section 78B-6-901.5. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Vice Chair Lockhart moved to approve the sunset review report with the addition of the previous direction given to the chairs of the Judiciary Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Other Items / Adjourn

Mr. Fellows noted that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel is looking for sponsors for several noncontroversial bills that make technical changes or clean up language in the Utah Code. He asked the committee to forward the names of any legislators they think would be interested in sponsoring this legislation.

MOTION: Vice Chair Lockhart moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Niederhauser adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.