

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, July 13, 2016 – 12:57 p.m. – Room 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Margaret Dayton, Senate Chair
Rep. Jack R. Draxler, House Chair
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Rep. Fred C. Cox
Rep. Sophia M. DiCaro
Rep. Brian M. Greene
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Curtis Oda
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson
Rep. Dean Sanpei

Members Absent:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Brad M. Daw

Staff Present:

Mr. Brian J. Bean, Policy Analyst
Mr. Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Katie LeFevre, Legislative Assistant

Note: A list of others 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 Dayton called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m. Sen. Hillyard, Rep. Arent, and Rep. Daw were excused from the meeting.

Motion: Rep. Draxler moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2016, meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

2. Draft Legislation "Amendments to Election Law"

Mr. Vaughn discussed 2017 General Session draft legislation "Amendments to Election Law" (2017FL-0148/009).

Motion: Rep. Perry moved to approve draft legislation "Amendments to Election Law" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

3. Draft Legislation "Joint Rules Resolution on Redistricting Standards"

Rep. Nelson summarized the June committee discussion regarding 2017 General Session draft legislation "Joint Rules Resolution on Redistricting Standards" (2017FL-0281/007). He explained that he had verified that the redistricting standards in the resolution could be implemented in a manner that is consistent with United States Supreme Court rulings.

Motion: Rep. Nelson moved to approve draft legislation "Joint Rules Resolution on Redistricting Standards" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

4. Analysis of Issues Brought by the State Auditor

Mr. John Dougall, State Auditor, distributed "State Auditor -- Study Issues." He suggested potential interim study items regarding state organizations' operational activities and employment practices, which he believes are fit for the committee's consideration. He responded to questions from the committee.

The committee discussed issues regarding state employee compensation.

5. Analysis of Issues Brought by the Attorney General

Ms. Bridget Romano, Chief Civil Deputy, Office of the Attorney General, discussed the office's concerns regarding governmental immunity as it relates to recent United States Supreme Court rulings.

Mr. Daniel Burton, Director of Communications, Office of the Attorney General, discussed potential study items related to the Government Records Access and Management Act. He discussed logistical challenges the Office of the Attorney General confronts in responding to an increasing number of records requests through the Government Records Access and Management Act.

6. Other Items/Adjourn

Motion: Rep. Draxler moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.