

**Master Study Resolution (H.J.R. 14) Items  
as reviewed by the Legislative Management Committee**

**Business and Labor**

1. Alternatives to the Sexually Explicit Business and Escort Tax - to study and evaluate the scope of, and possible alternatives to, the current Title 59, Chapter 27, Sexually Explicit Business and Escort Service Tax, including whether to impose a charge on establishments that serve alcoholic beverages and want to permit persons in stages of undress to provide services on those premises, ensuring that the distributions of monies collected from any tax, fee, or charge is distributed to the appropriate state agencies to assist in addressing issues related to sexual offenses, and providing for effective collection and enforcement of any tax, fee, or charge.
2. Assumption of Indebtedness - to study federal preemption of Title 57, Chapter 15, Assumption of Indebtedness on Residential Real Property.
3. Auto Insurance Coverage - to study state minimum requirements for automobile insurance coverage.
4. Building Standards - to study Title 58, Chapter 56, Utah Uniform Building Standards Act.
5. Construction Industry Pay Practices - to study the use of independent contractor status and cash payments to workers to avoid obligations under state, federal, and local workers' compensation and unemployment insurance taxes.
6. Deferred Deposit Loans - to study treatment of payments and operational restrictions, including the contents of the required written contract and prohibitions on the number, term, and the amount of a deferred deposit loan (H.B. 329).
7. Disaster Insurance - to study state disaster insurance for individual homes using the state as pool.
8. Displaced Mobile Home Owners - to study assistance for mobile home owners displaced from a mobile home park because of a change in land use (H.B. 332).
9. Employer Organizations - to study the regulation of professional employer organizations.
10. Employment Verification - to study state participation in the federal employment verification program (1st Sub H.B. 156).
11. Fair Market Value in Limited Liability Corporations - to study and compare "fair market value" for minority stockholder shares in limited liability corporations and regular corporations and explanations for the difference in treatment or definition.
12. Garnishment Fees - to study whether fees paid to an employer should be paid by the creditor or the employee, and whether the amount of an employer's processing fee for a continuing garnishment should be capped (H.B. 90).
13. Health Insurance and Worker's Compensation - to study issues related to health insurance managed care and worker's compensation.
14. Insurance Mandates - to study health insurance mandates and their effects on small businesses.
15. Legal Status Requirements - to study the legal status requirements for state workers and contractors on state projects.

\* The item is listed under more than one Committee - see "Key" on last page.

16. \*Minimum wage - to study increases in the minimum wage and a review of minimum wages by the Labor Commission (H.B. 256).
17. Mobile Home Owners - to study the rights of mobile home owners.
18. Motor Vehicle Coverage - to study the Motor Vehicles Warranties Act to determine the scope and extent of coverage.
19. Noncompetition Agreements - to study enacting statutes related to employee noncompetition agreements (H.B. 183).
20. Operational Requirements for On-premises and Off-premises Beer Retailers - to study whether there should be certain similar operational requirements on off-premises beer retailers as there are on on-premises beer retailers.
21. Payday Lending - to study the payday lending loan industry (S.B. 329).
22. Payday Lending Issues - to study payday lending in general.
23. Payments to Employees - to study enforcement of labor and other laws affected by the practice of paying employees with cash.
24. Plumbing Licensing - to study plumbing license changes.
25. Prescription Drug Information - to study commercial use of prescription drug information.
27. Prosthetic Coverage - to study insurance coverage for prosthetics.
28. Reduction in Workers' Compensation Benefits - to study the 50% reduction in workers' compensation benefits when a person begins to receive Social Security insurance benefits, whether the reduction should be maintained, reduced, or eliminated, and the impact on the individual and the budget.
29. Resident Relocation Assistance - to study methods of funding relocation assistance for residents displaced by the sale of mobile home parks.
30. Restitution for Enforcement of Alcoholic Beverage Laws - to study whether an alcoholic beverage licensee encouraging enforcement of laws prohibiting minors from entering an establishment should receive restitution from a convicted minor for the licensee's costs.
31. Savings by Low and Moderate Income Families - to study creating incentives for low and moderate income families to save for education, retirement, etc. and to form assets in general.
32. Service of Garnishments - to study whether recourse should be available against an entity that disregards obvious information and causes a garnishment to be served on the wrong person.
33. Small Business Health Insurance - to study how to develop a basic health insurance product for small employers and their employees that is affordable and not subject to the traditional mandates.
34. Small Business Health Plan - to study and identify the most effective health insurance programs for small businesses that share actuarial risk broadly (H.B. 152).
35. Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording - to study providing for the validity and recording of electronic documents, and creating the Electronic Recording Commission to adopt standards for recording electronic documents (S.B. 88).
36. Workers' Compensation - to study issues related to the Workers' Compensation Fund of Utah.

**\*Prescription Licensure for Psychologists.**

# Education

37. Alternative to Basic Skills Competency Test - to study allowing the State Board of Education to use a nationally norm-referenced test to satisfy the basic skills competency test requirement (H.B. 331).

38. \*Applied Technology - to study issues related to applied technology education and governance (H.B. 371 and S.B. 229).

39. \*Basic School Levy - to study implementing inflationary increases into the minimum basic school levy program and adding statutory language to allow for increases based on the Consumer Price Index.

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46. \*Funding Formula - to study the school transportation funding formula.

47. Indicators of School Quality - to study implementing the seven indicators of school quality as identified by the Center for the School of the Future at Utah State University.

48. Kindergarten Readiness - to study statewide prekindergarten program, including provisions of the Kindergarten Readiness Initiative (S.B. 222).

49. \*Mission of Higher Education - to study the role and mission of higher education at individual institutions.

50. Obesity Prevention in Schools - to study expanding Gold Medal Schools to include middle schools.

51. Online Testing in Public Education - to study online testing for criterion referenced tests, the UBSCT, and other state mandated tests in public education.

52. \*Public Education Funding - to study the equalization of all state and local public school education funding.

53. School Services for the Deaf and Blind - to study ways to more effectively provide services that will meet the needs of deaf and blind students throughout the state (3rd Sub. H.B. 291).

54. \*Statewide Compensation for Teachers - to study uniformity in handling compensation for teachers by the state rather than by individual school districts and charter schools.

55. \*Taylor Plan - to study state-funded, merit based opportunities for high school students to earn their college tuition, meet standardized test scores, and meet and maintain grade point average requirements.

56. Teacher Loans - to study low cost loans for teachers (H.B. 416).

57. \*Teacher Salaries and Benefits - to study and compare the salary schedules and benefits of neighboring states and determine the advisability and means of increasing teacher salaries to the national average, and continue ProExcel implementation.

58. Technology in Schools - to study ensuring technology-assisted instruction is utilized in Utah's public schools.

- 59. Testing and Diplomas - to study high school diploma requirements and high stakes testing.
  - 60. \*Use of Education Funds - to study the use of surplus Education Fund and Uniform School Fund monies (H.B. 429).
  - 61. Withdrawal from Compact - to study the withdrawal of the state from the Compact for Education (S.B. 128).
- Family Learning Centers..**

## **Government Operations**

- 62. Agency Influence - to study the role the Office of Ethnic Affairs plays in influencing legislation, including links from state websites to various affiliations.
- 63. Audit of Leases Related to Revenue Bonds - to study requiring certain contract clauses related to the financial condition of a private entity that is making lease payments pledged to pay the principal or interest revenue bonds (H.B. 251).
- 64. Certifying Ballot Information - to study consolidation of dates relating to certification of ballot information by the Lieutenant Governor.
- 65. Constitutional Defense Council - to study the duties of the Constitutional Defense Council.
- 66. Early Voting - to study early voting for the disabled in municipal elections.
- 67. Financing Legislative Races - to study issues related to the public financing of legislative races in Utah.
- 68. Legal Notices - to study issues related to the posting of legal notices on the Internet (S.B. 67).
- 69. Noncitizen Utilization of Public Services - to study noncitizen use of public services using research from other states, and Utah's experience.
- 70. Noncompete Reimbursement - to study the feasibility of having new employees sign a noncompete or reimbursement contract that provides that if, after being trained at state expense, they leave for another government job (i.e. state to county), either the employee or the government entity the employee joins be required to reimburse the state for training costs.
- 71. Notice of Public Meetings Website - to study the feasibility of creating a state-provided website for state and local governmental entities to post notices of their meetings.
- 72. Ombudsman Consolidation - to study consolidating the ombudsman's offices into an information center.
- 73. Political Activities of Public Entities - to study Title 20A, Chapter 11, Part 12, Political Activities of Public Entities Act, to determine whether the current statute adequately defines and limits public entities from influencing ballot propositions, whether increased penalties for a violation of the act should be provided, and determine whether the act adequately identifies who is responsible for enforcement of the act against violations.
- 74. President Elections - to study enacting an agreement between states to elect the President of the United States by national popular vote (H.B. 346).
- 75. Public Employees Union Financial Responsibility - to study reporting requirements for public employee unions (H.B. 430).
- 76. Public Hearings on Water Rights - to study amending open meetings laws to expand the current strategy session exemption for the discussion of the sale, purchase, exchange, or lease of real property to include personal property, including the purchase of water rights.
- 77. Remedy for Alleged Sexual Harassment - to study whether to amend the Utah-Anti Discrimination Act to make it clear that alleged victims of sexual harassment have the right to pursue

claims which would be actionable under Utah common law.

78. \*State Planning Coordinator - to study the powers and duties of the state planning coordinator.

79. Veterans' Benefits and Procurement Preferences - to study the current programs to help veterans enjoy economic self-reliance by providing them a preference program for government procurement contracts.

80. Voter Registration and Provisional Voting - to study permitting election day voter registration and extending provisional voting to all elections (1st Sub. H.B. 287).

81. \*Wage Comparison - to study and compare wages of corrections officers with those of surrounding states, including privatized prison employees.

## **Health and Human Services**

26. Prescriptions by Psychologists - to study licensure for prescriptions by psychologists.

82. Baby Watch and Early Intervention - to study the feasibility of utilizing private insurance for the early intervention program.

83. Cancer Prevention - to study vaccinations for cervical cancer.

84. Children with Autism - to study what measures can be taken to address the role of whether an unhealthy immune system is causing autism in children.

85. Cigarette Ignition - to study reducing cigarette ignition propensity.

86. Contraceptive Equity - to study issues related to contraceptive equity.

87. Deaf/Blind - to study definitions of "deaf" and "blind" in the Utah Code.

88. Disease Case Management - to study "pay for performance" strategies for quality improvement and cost management of Medicaid disease cases.

89. Enhancing Service to Aged and Disabled - to study and identify efficiencies and evaluate options for enhancing and expanding the home and community-based care infrastructure and related services for aged and disabled Utahns.

90. Health Care Cost Shifting - to study health care cost shifting and how it can be reduced.

91. Health Care Financing Issues - to study the relationships, similarities, differences, costs, patient characteristics, and outcomes between home and community-based waiver services and institutional care.

92. Health Care Utilization - to study whether there is overutilization of health care services in the public or private sector.

93. Insurance for Morbid Obesity - to study requiring the Insurance Commissioner to adopt administrative rules directing insurance carriers to offer accident and health insurance for morbid obesity (H.B. 225).

94. License Exemption in Child Care - to study the license exempt portion of child care licensing.

95. \*Local Health Department Funding - to study and evaluate state funding in relation to state services provided and other sources of local health department funding.

96. Low Income Cancer Screening - to study expanding breast and cervical cancer screening for low income women ages 40-50.

97. Managed Care and Insurance - to study issues related to managed care, including existing law, and affordable health insurance.

98. \*Medicaid Provider Reimbursement Rates - to study and compare Medicaid provider reimbursement rates with market insurance rates and create a plan to improve provider rates.

99. Medical Assistance Funds - to study the portability of medical assistance funds (S.B. 61).
100. Medically Uninsured - to study reimbursement for health care services affecting the medically uninsured (H.B. 136).
101. Midwife Licensing - to study Direct-entry midwife licensure amendments.
102. Needs of Medicaid Patients - to study requiring acceptance of Medicaid patients, how to better serve those individuals, and the level of funding for Medicaid patients.
103. Nursing Care Facilities - to study the need to lift the nursing home Medicare moratorium, how to allow more "choice" in skilled nursing home care, and how to bring more free market competitiveness into the nursing facility market.
104. Nursing Home Moratorium - to study a moratorium on new nursing homes that use Medicare funds.
105. Pandemic Issues - to study the recommendation by the Governor's Task Force on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness to examine the effectiveness of executive branch emergency powers needed to respond to an influenza pandemic.
106. Placing Children into Adoption - to study limiting the placing of children into adoption to child placing agencies only.
107. \*Promotion of Health Efficiencies - to study requiring the Medicaid program to allow the use of telemedicine for certain services that are otherwise reimbursable under the state Medicaid plan, and review guidelines for reimbursing for telemedicine services (H.B. 444).
108. Rate Bonding and Affordable Health Care - to study rate bonding by health insurers and affordable health care.
109. Telehealth - to study telehealth and telemedicine initiatives.
110. Transport Fees - to study EMS transport and nontransport fees for emergency response.
111. Uninsured Issues - to study health insurance for uninsured children over 200% of the federal poverty level, requiring full-time higher education students to have health insurance, and providing vaccines for underinsured children.
112. Utah Premium Partnership - to study the use of public and private partnerships to provide health insurance (H.B. 267).
113. Womens' Health - to study womens' health issues.
- Retaining Emergency Room Physicians and On Call Coverage.**
- Requiring Documentation of Legal Status for Health Services.**
- Family Medical Leave.**
- Court-ordered Child Support Restoration Issues.**
- \*Prescription Licensure for Psychologists.**
- \*Keep and Maintain ER physicians and Keep "On Call Staff," and prescription Licensure for Psychologists.**

## Judiciary

114. Administrative Law Judge Issues Related to the Labor Commission - to study whether the Labor Commission's Administrative law judges (ALJ's) should be moved to the courts and whether ALJ decisions should be appealed straight to the Utah Court of Appeals.
115. Criminal Case Judgment Collections - to study aiding collection of criminal case judgments by the Office of State Debt Collection, and consider clarifying that judgments on criminal cases are abstracted or otherwise recorded in a way that assists in collection by the office, and consider statute of limitations and victim restitution collection issues (civil v. criminal status).

116. Custodial Interrogations - to study requiring custodial interrogations at police stations to be recorded for admissibility in court.
117. Custody Evaluators - to study the training, appointment or selection, and payment of custody evaluators.
118. Custody in Cases of Sexual Offense - to study custody of children when a parent has been convicted of a sex offense involving a minor.
119. Custody Relationships - to study the way relationships with children of divorce are characterized, and the labels given to the parent the child does not live with (S.B. 178).
120. Enforcing Child Visitation Orders - to study methods of enforcing child visitation orders, including whether some of the same enforcement measures used to enforce child support orders could be used to enforce visitation orders.
121. Parent-time - to study issues related to noncustodial and custodial parent time.
122. Qualified Domestic Relations Order - to study the effect of death after a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.
123. Reporting on Appellate Court Rulings - to study requiring the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to make an annual report to the Judiciary Interim Committee regarding any final, unappealable opinion by certain appellate courts that hold a Utah Code provision unconstitutional (S.B. 212).
124. Split Estates - to study issues related to split estates.
125. Status of Nonbiological Parent - to study legal determinations of parent status of nonbiological parent upon the death or disability of the biological parent in alternative family situations.
126. Surcharge Cycle - to study changing the cycle in which court surcharges are remitted to the state.
127. Wrongful Death Designation - to study selecting a wrongful death designee in a will or trust (S.B. 58).

**Medical Malpractice.**

**No Contest Divorce and Equal Custody Issues.**

**Temporary Reduction in Child Support - Family Medical Leave Act, Court-ordered Child Support.**

**\*Keep and Maintain ER physicians and Keep "On Call Staff," and prescription Licensure for Psychologists.**

## **Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

128. Communications Law - to study amending a provision of the communications fraud law to address an issue of vagueness.
129. Concealed Weapons Sales - to study concealed weapons sales outside Utah and Utah's concealed weapons permit law.
130. Consumption of Alcohol or Drugs when Pregnant - to study options, including voluntary and involuntary treatment, and adding consumption of alcohol or drugs when pregnant to the definition of child neglect.
131. Criminal Code Review - to study and review the state's criminal code for antiquated, unconstitutional, outdated, and unused criminal provisions for possible repeal or revision.
132. Death Penalty Execution Procedures - to study Utah's execution provisions, case law addressing procedure requirements, various methods regarding execution by lethal injection, and

related policies on the issue.

133. Document Fraud - to study issues related to document fraud (H.B. 131).

134. Early Intervention - to study utilizing early intervention programs, and directing a portion of monies saved due to these programs to early intervention pilot.

135. Felony Classifications for Adult Sex Offenses - to study and evaluate the current first and second degree felony classifications of certain adult sex offenses.

136. Human Trafficking - to study criminalizing human trafficking for forced labor and for sexual exploitation (H.B. 167).

137. Identity Theft Impact - to study the impact of illegal immigrants on identity theft levels.

138. \*Inmate Costs - to study issues related to inmate medical costs.

139. \*Jail Issues - to study jail contracting and reimbursement.

140. Law Enforcement Districts - to study establishing a separate process for the creation of a county service area to provide extended police protection services (H.B. 450).

141. Penalty for Illegal Vehicle Use - to study the suspension of hunting or fishing privileges for illegal use of a vehicle (H.B. 421).

142. Police Services - to study issues related to the consolidation of police services.

143. Sex Offender Registry - to study and develop a sex offender registry policy that places Utah in compliance with the federal Adam Walsh Act.

144. Sex Offender Registry Amendments - to study and update the current law, including addressing F.B.I. recommendations, clarifying requirements, and increasing frequency of reporting by sex offenders.

210. Traffic Light Enforcement - to study the use of an automated red light traffic enforcement system and requirements for citations issued using the system (H.B. 470).

## **Natural Resources, Energy, and Environment**

145. \*Air Quality Planning - to study the findings of a stakeholder-based task force within the Division of Air Quality that will review the likely impacts of new air quality standards for PM2.5 and ozone on public health, transportation, and economic development in Utah, consider options for funding work in the division to identify and implement actions necessary to address those impacts, and review this report in the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee in 2007 on the impacts and funding options.

146. Care of Waste Facilities - to study perpetual care of commercial radioactive and hazardous waste disposal facilities.

147. Drinking Water Source Protection - to study the need for a state law requiring the adoption by counties and cities of a drinking water source protection ordinance similar to the provisions included in H.B. 140, Safe Drinking Water Amendments (H.B. 140).

148. Electronic Recycling - to study a state program for the recycling of electronic devices (S.B. 76).

149. Halting Fluoridation by Vote - to study voting to remove fluoridation from the water supply of a city or town.

150. Local Water Supply Provisions - to study the requirements of UCA Section 10-7-4, regarding water supplies, and recommend the removal of obsolete provisions, if any.

151. Nonprofit Water Companies - to study developing a separate nonprofit code for nonprofit water companies, and to correct any unintended consequences from the passage of S.B. 9 and S.B. 53, 2007 General Session.

152. \*Petroleum Storage Fund - to study the solvency of the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund.
153. Protection of Surface Owner When Minerals Developed - to study establishing a procedure for mineral development on private land to protect and properly notify the surface owner (H.B. 121).
154. Public Lands Policy Coordinating Council - to study the duties of the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Council.
155. Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office - to study the powers and duties of the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.
156. Recycling - to study capitol hill recycling.
157. Safe Drinking Water - to study protecting water sources from contamination (H.B. 140).
158. \*School and Institutional Trust Lands - to study School and Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA) issues, including whether the lands held are public or private, public access to the lands, the preservation of lands for public purposes, SITLA compensation, and other issues.
159. State Engineer Return Flow Decisions - to study how return flow from imported waters should be addressed in decisions of the state engineer.
160. State Engineer's Role in Forfeiture Issues - to study and review the state engineer's role in dealing with forfeiture issues associated with a change application.
161. State Engineer's Use of Burden of Proof Standard - to study whether to amend the Utah Water Code to specify that the state engineer or the Division of Water Rights shall apply "preponderance of the evidence" as the burden of proof in all administrative actions, such as applications to appropriate water, change applications, and permit applications.
162. Water Issues - to study Snake Valley water issues (H.J.R. 1).
232. Instream Flow - to study temporary water rights changes for instream flow to protect trout habitat (S.B. 29).

## **Political Subdivisions**

163. Appointment and Removal of Certain Officials - to study whether to require the advice and consent of the municipal council or legislative body with respect to the removal of department heads, officers and employees, commissions, boards, committees, and planning commission members (H.B. 457).
164. Board of Trustee Member Qualifications - to study whether the 50% rule of Subsection 17B-1-302(1)(b) of H.B. 65, 2007 General Session, relating to the qualifications of board of trustees members in a local district with seasonally occupied homes, should be modified.
165. Eminent Domain Remedies - to study taking of property from owners through eminent domain, when the diminished value of the remaining property is not considered damage deserving of compensation because, although the taken property is needed for a large project, nothing is actually built on the taken property, to look at potential discriminatory practices to the property owner, who exercises no control over whether something is built on the taken property or not (H.B. 187).
166. Implementing Special and Local Districts Amendments - to study the implementation of H.B. 65, Special and Local Districts Amendments, and make adjustments if needed (H.B. 65).
167. Items on Ballot - to study placing special districts and municipalities on the same ballot.
168. Public Land Sales - to study whether to require voter approval if a municipality intends to dispose of a parcel of real property with a value of \$1,000,000 or more (H.B. 109).
169. Public Water Protection - to study whether to require counties and municipalities to adopt

an ordinance protecting its public drinking water sources.

170. Special Service Districts - to study and complete the process for rewriting statutes applicable to special service districts and the remaining dependent special districts (H.B. 65).

### **Public Notices on the Internet.**

## **Public Utilities and Technology**

171. Emergency Communications Definition - to study and adopt a Utah Code definition of "voiceover Internet Protocol" (H.B. 119).

172. Internet Pornography - to study further actions that the state may take to regulate Internet pornography.

## **Revenue and Taxation**

173. College Savings - to study the equalization of college savings plans (S.B. 177).

174. Deduction for Long-term Care Savings - to study providing an income tax deduction for long-term care savings accounts.

175. Deduction on Income Earned out of Utah or the United States - to study providing an income tax deduction for military retirement income earned out of the state or country.

176. Education and Taxes - to study issues related to public education and property taxes.

177. Income Tax Additions and Subtractions - to study whether a resident or nonresident estate or trust may subtract certain qualified investments in the Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust from federal taxable income, and whether to require adding to federal taxable income amounts not expended for higher education costs under certain circumstances (H.B. 36).

178. Income Tax Credit Shifting - to study and develop methods for switching individual income tax credits to rebates, vouchers, grants, or other funding mechanisms.

179. Income Tax Deductions as Insurance Incentives - to study income tax deductions for insurance premiums for businesses to motivate them to provide health insurance for their employees, and how to structure and implement (H.B. 406).

180. Income Tax Subtractions for Medical Care - to study modifying an individual income tax subtraction for amounts paid for certain insurance relating to medical care, and the subtraction for long-term care insurance (H.B. 43).

181. Property Tax - to study issues related to property tax equalization.

182. Property Tax Deferral - to study a property tax deferral for senior citizens (S.B. 132).

183. Providing Incentives to Oil Refineries - to study providing incentives to new oil refineries, due to the significant shortage of refining capacity in the region.

184. Refund for Tax Overpayment - to study allowing a taxpayer to claim a tax refund for an overpayment for the same time period as a State Tax Commission audit.

185. Sales Tax Distribution - to study a resolution to sales tax distribution challenges related to point of sale and population.

186. Sales Tax on Business Inputs - to study implementation of a Tax Reform Task Force proposal to remove the sales tax on business inputs.

187. Sales Tax Rate - to study a uniform statewide sales tax rate.

188. Tax Credit for Liquid Fuels - to study the adoption of an income tax credit for the

production of liquid fuels from waste materials, including coal and other tailings.

189. Tax Reciprocity - to study the feasibility of imposing certain reciprocity taxes.

190. Tax Relief for Military Pensions - to study the feasibility of granting a full or partial exemption from the state individual income tax for income received from a military pension.

191. Tax Revisions - to study miscellaneous tax revisions.

192. Taxes on Senior Citizens - to study tax deferrals for senior citizens (H.B.78).

193. Taxes Related to Aviation - to study the property tax, the fuel tax, and uniform fees for aviation (H.B. 414).

194. Taxpayer Attorney Fees - to study the payment of taxpayer attorney fees when the taxpayer is required to bring the same issue on appeal multiple times (S.B. 208).

231. Active Duty Tax Exemption - to study an exemption on personal income tax for active duty military personnel.

**Rep. Harper's 1997 Changes to B&C Road Fund "Hold Harmless."**

**Tax Deferrals for the Elderly.**

**Statewide Purchasing of Telecommunications.**

## **Retirement and Independent Entities**

195. Benefits and Contributions - to study issues related to defined benefits and defined contributions.

196. Health Reimbursement Arrangements - to study health reimbursement arrangements for state employees.

197. Post Retirement Employment Restrictions - to study whether the Legislature should implement additional recommendations from the December 2006 Performance Audit of Post-Retirement Re-employment (H.B. 260).

198. Public Safety COLA - to study providing the option to participating employers to provide an additional 1.5% COLA to public safety retirees.

199. Retirement Benefits Consent - to study requiring spousal consent on retirement benefits.

## **Transportation**

200. Additional Car Rental Insurance - to study variable additional car rental insurance as a supplement to primary insurance.

201. Airport Improvements - to study needs of airports for maintenance improvements (H.B. 414).

202. Driver License -- Application of Minor - to study allowing a parent or responsible adult, who is willing to assume certain obligations, to sign the application for a temporary learner permit, practice permit, or provisional driver license for a minor applicant who is in the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services (H.B. 213).

203. Foster Parent Signature for Driver License - to study whether foster parents should be allowed to sign for a foster child's driver license, and examine the potential liability concerns (H.B. 213).

204. Idling - to study anti-idling legislation.

205. Interfacility Issues - to study issues related to interfacility transport.

206. Motor Fuel Tax - to study the current motor fuel tax and determine whether it should be replaced (partially or in whole) with a cent-per-mile-driven charge or a flexible excise tax.

207. Rail Security - to study and develop a Local Community Rail Security Act (S.B. 79).

208. Real-Time Carpooling - to study using web/cell phone technology to assist in carpooling, to provide an individual direct communication with the nearest driver headed in the same direction.

209. Reducing Large Rig Accidents - to study safety issues related to large rigs on highways, including a study of the frequency of accidents involving large rigs as compared to surrounding states, and measures to reduce accidents.

211. Traffic Needs Study - to study state traffic needs, including Utah Highway Patrol needs and the I-80 Corridor.

212. Truck Speed Limit - to study whether the speed limit on interstate highways should be reduced for vehicles with five or more axles (H.B. 199).

## **Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development**

213. Business Resource Centers - to study the organization of the state's economic development business resource centers.

214. Community-based Self-sufficiency Grants - to study establishing a grant program for community-based public and nonprofit organizations that establish programs to help people obtain self-sufficiency, and the need to insure that grant funds are contingent upon a matching component from the applicant and that monies are used for community and economic development, exclusively, without overhead for private administration (H.B. 278).

215. County Affordable Housing - to study the Optional County Affordable Housing Funds Act (S.B. 256, 2000 General Session).

216. \*Economic Development Incentives Assessment - to study the nature and extent of state and local economic development incentives, their effectiveness, and whether to target them to specific industries, specific tax bases, or to create higher paying jobs.

217. Fostering Self-support through Assistance Programs - to study the adequacy of Family Employment Program grants and the standard needs budget in fostering self-support among program participants.

218. Hardship Extension in the Family Employment Program - to study the impact of granting hardship extensions for participants in the Family Employment Program during the 36-month time limit.

219. Housing Loan Fund Sources - to study permanent funding sources for the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund.

220. \*Sports Authority Return on Investment - to study the return on investment on monies allocated by the Legislature to sports authorities that promote sports or sports competitions.

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57. \*Teacher Salaries and Benefits - to study and compare the salary schedules and benefits of neighboring states and determine the advisability and means of increasing teacher salaries to the national average, and continue ProExcel implementation.

60. \*Use of Education Funds - to study the use of surplus Education Fund and Uniform School Fund monies (H.B. 429).

78. \*State Planning Coordinator - to study the powers and duties of the state planning coordinator.

81. \*Wage Comparison - to study and compare wages of corrections officers with those of surrounding states, including privatized prison employees.

95. \*Local Health Department Funding - to study and evaluate state funding in relation to state services provided and other sources of local health department funding.

98. \*Medicaid Provider Reimbursement Rates - to study and compare Medicaid provider reimbursement rates with market insurance rates and create a plan to improve provider rates.

107. \*Promotion of Health Efficiencies - to study requiring the Medicaid program to allow the use of telemedicine for certain services that are otherwise reimbursable under the state Medicaid plan, and review guidelines for reimbursing for telemedicine services (H.B.444).

138. \*Inmate Costs - to study issues related to inmate medical costs.

139. \*Jail Issues - to study jail contracting and reimbursement.

145. \*Air Quality Planning - to study the findings of a stakeholder-based task force within the Division of Air Quality that will review the likely impacts of new air quality standards for PM2.5 and ozone on public health, transportation, and economic development in Utah, consider options for funding work in the division to identify and implement actions necessary to address those impacts, and review this report in the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee in 2007 on the impacts and funding options.

152. \*Petroleum Storage Fund - to study the solvency of the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund.

158. \*School and Institutional Trust Lands - to study School and Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA) issues, including whether the lands held are public or private, public access to the lands, the preservation of lands for public purposes, SITLA compensation, and other issues.

216. \*Economic Development Incentives Assessment - to study the nature and extent of state and local economic development incentives, their effectiveness, and whether to target them to specific industries, specific tax bases, or to create higher paying jobs.

220. \*Sports Authority Return on Investment - to study the return on investment on monies allocated by the Legislature to sports authorities that promote sports or sports competitions.

221. Budgeting - to study zero-based budgeting (S.B. 63).

222. Driver License Fees in Appropriations Act - to study whether the Driver License Division fees should be taken out of statute and placed in the fee schedule that is included in the Appropriations Act (H.B. 52).

223. Funds Consolidation - to study and review restricted funds and accounts to determine whether to implement a revised Funds Consolidation Act.

224. Nonlapsing Authority - to study and review all the nonlapsing authority currently in statute, and examine whether moneys should in fact lapse where currently they are nonlapsing.

225. Special Revenue Funds - to study special revenue funds and restricted special revenue funds.

226. Utilization of Existing Statewide Networks - to study the possible development, acquisition, maintenance, and effective and optimal utilization of existing Internet services, information technology networks, and other network assets.

## **Legislative Process**

227. Legislative Session Starting Dates - to study constitutional legislative session starting dates, with considerations of state and federal holidays and opportunities for legislators to have time to interface with constituents.

228. Reporting to Legislature by United States Senators from Utah - to study granting authority to the Legislature, by joint resolution, to direct a United States Senator elected from Utah to report to the Legislature on certain issues determined by the Legislature (S.B. 202).

229. Session Schedule - to study issues related to a revised general session schedule.

## **Legislative Management**

230. Guides and Outfitters - to study registration of Outdoor Guides and Outfitters.

# Higher Education Task Force

38. \*Applied Technology - to study issues related to applied technology education and governance (H.B. 371 and S.B. 229).

40. \*College Degrees - to study reduced-cost college degrees.

42. \*Cost of College Degrees - to study issues related to reduced-cost college degrees.

49. \*Mission of Higher Education - to study the role and mission of higher education at individual institutions.

55. \*Taylor Plan - to study state-funded, merit based opportunities for high school students to earn their college tuition, meet standardized test scores, and meet and maintain grade point average requirements.

## Key (Items listed under more than one committee)

16. Business/Labor, Exec. Appropriations

38. Education, Higher Ed Task Force

39. Education, Exec. Appropriations

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78. Government Ops, Executive Appr.

81. Government Ops, Executive Appr.

216. Workforce Services, Exec. Appr.

220. Workforce Services, Exec. Appr.

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Business Labor, Health and Human Services

**Keep and Maintain ER physicians and Keep**

**"On Call Staff," and Prescription Licensure**

**for Psychologists -** Health and Human

Services, Judiciary

95. Health and Human Serv., Exec. Appr.

98. Health and Human Serv., Exec. Appr.

107. Health and Human Serv., Exec. Appr.

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