

2014 SUMMER STUDIES BALLOT

Please take a few moments to review this survey, mark your selections, and return it in the enclosed envelope by **Wednesday, April 16**. You may vote for a maximum of five studies. Vote by placing the number beside your study choice in rank order – 1 is the most wanted and 5 is the lowest choice.

Rank	Study Topic / Scope / Requested By
Alcohol Related	
	<p>A. The three tier system (alcohol distribution statutes). Determine if the current system is necessary and appropriate in today's society. <i>By Senators Tieszen and Brown on behalf of the Senate State Affairs Committee</i></p>
	<p>B. A study to create a direct-to-consumer winery shipping law. Bring all interested parties together to craft a bill, with the intent of passing into law during the 2015 Legislative Session, that will create a direct-to-consumer winery shipping program in South Dakota. Include consideration on how it impacts the current regulatory system. <i>By Senator Holien on behalf of the Senate Commerce and Energy Committee</i></p>
	<p>C. Intra and Interstate shipping of wine, beer, and spirits. How it affects the 3-tiered system; equality of taxation; enforcement; equality for retailers - both in-state and out-of-state; social issues; and permits and licenses. <i>By Representative Roger Solum on behalf of the House Commerce and Energy Committee</i></p>
Education Related	
	<p>D. Establishing Goals for Teacher Salaries. We recommend a special education summer study specifically instructed to establish goals on teacher salaries related to the region or the nation, as well as consideration of tuition assistance and other incentives at the K-12 level and to recommend possible ways to achieve those goals and ideas. The study should include an evaluation of how funds are currently spent on administration, teacher salaries, support staff, equipment and supplies, extra-curricular activities, and other expenses. A review of reserve funds should also be included. <i>By House Taxation Committee</i></p>
	<p>E. Breakdown school district revenue and expenditures by size of individual districts. On the revenue side, include local real estate taxes, federal funds, court fines, utility excise taxes, and other funds. On the expenditure side, include the percentage and amount of funds spent on administrative salaries and benefits, total teacher salaries and benefits, support staff compensation, equipment and supplies. Also, include a breakdown of special education revenues and expenditures, the amount of money the districts have in reserves, and the amount the districts spend on transportation. <i>By House Education Committee</i></p>
	<p>F. State Aid to Schools - study and evaluation of current school funding methods. Study the school state aid funding formula including, but not limited to, Cutler-Gabriel, other revenues, capital outlay, federal funding, property tax, other states' funding processes. <i>By Representatives Tyler, Hawks, Bartling, Tulson, and Ring</i></p>
	<p>G. Review teacher pay including, but not limited to, dedicated ongoing funding sources. <i>By Senator Deb Peters on behalf of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations</i></p>
Health/Human Services Related	
	<p>H. To develop a legislative strategic plan for the health care continuum needs of the rural population/s with respect to access, appropriate level of care, and cost effectiveness. 1) Comprehensive review of the existing forms of health care delivery models in the rural areas of South Dakota; 2) Review findings of an updated ABT Study; 3) Review of best practice models for addressing rural population needs; 4) Review of best practice models in addressing needs of the elderly; 5) Review of reimbursement options that support rural healthcare delivery models now and for the future; 6) Recommendations to include performance expectations for measurement of effectiveness of the proposed models. <i>By Senator Hunhoff</i></p>
	<p>I. Medicaid expansion options and potential sources of funding. Study the potential for a limited Medicaid expansion in South Dakota and look at potential options for funding such as expansion, including large hospitals, non-profit assistance, and a review of tax exemption status. <i>By House Health and Human Services Committee</i></p>

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	<p>J. Autism Spectrum Disorder. Study available services, therapy, and treatments, such as applied behavior analysis, for children with autism, including the cost of the service, whether the service is covered by insurance, and the effectiveness of the service. Study available options to ensure that children with autism are able to obtain a treatment or therapy that is appropriate for their needs. The study should look at services covered by the state and any cost savings or expenses the state may incur.</p> <p><i>By House Health and Human Services Committee</i></p> <p><u>NOTE from staff ></u> This study may no longer be necessary. SB108 mandates an autism spectrum disorder and insurance coverage study by the Departments of Human Services and Labor & Regulation. Chair Munsterman shares the opinion that an additional interim study may no longer be necessary.</p>
Transportation Related	
	<p>K. State and Local Transportation Issues. Start with a survey of agriculture and other organizations directly involved with roads and conduct a series of public meetings soliciting grassroots participation to form possible solutions that could be presented in the 2015 session.</p> <p><i>By Senate Transportation Committee</i></p>
	<p>L. Study of all Current and Future Roads and Bridges' Needs and Financing. A proactive study to address the current and future conditions and financial needs to maintain, repair, and improve the state and local highways, roads, and bridges. The study shall specifically evaluate: 1. Immediate and short-term financing needs to tackle the quality of the local roads and bridges; 2. Long-term financing needs to maintain the quality of the state highway and bridge system; 3. Inventory of state & local road & bridge conditions; 4. Strategies for creating greater efficiency in financing state and local roads; and 5. Projected federal, state, and local revenues in relation to actual road and bridge needs.</p> <p><i>By Senator Vehle, Senate Transportation Committee Chair</i></p>
Other Topics	
	<p>M. A study of the potential methods of promoting and expanding oil and gas exploration in South Dakota.</p> <p><i>By Senate Commerce and Energy Committee</i></p> <p>(AND)</p> <p>Build upon the previous Legislative Task Force on oil and gas and find new ways to increase exploration into our state's natural resources. Find ways to expand production and spur growth. Identify obstacles in the way of further exploration and possible solutions to them.</p> <p><i>By Senator Phil Jensen</i></p>
	<p>N. Child Custody. This summer study would take an in-depth look at various statistics regarding child custody cases. Information to be considered to include: number of custody cases, litigated custody cases, non-litigated custody cases, and custody cases with joint physical custody awards. Studying these statistics will show the legislature how courts are currently handling child custody cases and examine the differences in custody rulings throughout the circuit courts in South Dakota. This study would suggest legislation to bring consistency to child custody decisions across the state.</p> <p><i>By Senator Dan Lederman/Senate State Affairs Committee</i></p>
	<p>O. The Comprehensive Review of Chapter 12. We need to clean up and align statutes. It became very clear that when HB1096 was heard, no one could say which statute allows campaign signs on public buildings.</p> <p><i>By House Local Government Committee - Representative Otten</i></p>
	<p>P. To study the fiscal impact of illegal immigration on local government in South Dakota.</p> <p><i>By House Local Government Committee</i></p>
	<p>Q. To study the fiscal and social impact of gambling addiction in South Dakota.</p> <p><i>By House Local Government Committee</i></p> <p>(AND)</p> <p>A study of all economic impacts to individual and state budgets and social impact, namely the recreational and addicted gambler. To include: South Dakota Lottery, Deadwood, and Native American casinos.</p> <p><i>By Representative Scott Craig</i></p>
	<p>R. Study how property taxes are apportioned to local entities. (Evaluation of property tax apportionment as it pertains to municipalities, counties and school districts. Review issues with the size and classification of municipalities and how the funds are distributed.) Has the state monitored the revenue sources as various entities have employed sales tax? Should cities continue to take property tax when they are receiving sales tax? Does it make sense to redo the classification of municipalities (i.e. over 100,000 as a Class 1A and counties which house a municipality of Class 1A - there is a different apportionment of the property tax)?</p> <p><i>By House Local Government Committee - Representative Rounds</i></p>

