Interim Study Survey

Below is a compilation of the suggested 2016 interim study topics as they were submitted to the LRC. Please review the list and vote for up to 5, ranked in order of preference, at the bottom of the survey form. Please complete and submit your response by no later than Friday, April 8th. LRC will then compile the survey results and distribute them to the Executive Board for consideration at its April 18th meeting.

Study A

Title of Requested Study: A study of the treatment of domestic and agricultural animals and how to properly regulate the treatment of each classification.
Scope of Requested Study: Examine current animal cruelty and animal treatment laws in South Dakota, how the laws apply to domestic animals versus agricultural animals, and what changes may be necessary to tailor the laws to fit each group.
Requested By: **Committee Vote:** Senate Judiciary Committee

Study B

Title of Requested Study: Repealing the sales tax on food.
Scope of Requested Study: To determine the practicality of repealing the sales tax on food as a way to assist low to moderate income families.
Requested By: **Individual Legislator:** Senator Billie H. Sutton

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Study C

Title of Requested Study: Truth and Reconciliation Commission. (This was supported in the State Tribal Relations Committee and in 2015 a letter that was sent to the Governor from the Committee requesting the establishiment of this Commission.)
Scope of Requested Study: I believe race is still an issue that needs to be addressed by the state. The courts have just ruled again against DSS regarding ICWA in favor of 2 tribes in the state, and in another case, a man from Philip poured beer on Native students at a school function in Rapid City. There are some questions regarding ethics with money and contracts that serve our youth such as Gear Up, as well as the lack of investment or assistance financially in our reservation communities despite millions of EBS dollars and others. Our courts, jails, and penal system are disproportionately full of Natives.
Requested By: **Individual Legislators:** Representative Shawn Bordeaux and Representative Kevin Killer

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Study D

Title of Requested Study: Civil forfeiture in South Dakota: A study of the process, the volume of assets seized, how the seized assets are managed and disposed of, the reporting process, possible abuses, and how South Dakota's process compares to other states.
Scope of Requested Study:

- Breakdown seized assets by crime, by type of asset, and by volume.

- Cost to seize assets.
- How often do seizure efforts fail?
- What process is used to dispose of assets?
- How are funds held? Checks and balances?
- What reporting is done?
- Due process and the burden of proof in forfeitures.

Requested By: **Individual Legislators & Committee Vote:** Senator Corey Brown, Senate Judiciary Committee, and Representative Don Haggar

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Study E

Title of Requested Study: Fencing laws and penalties.
Scope of Requested Study: As there gets to be more land owners that either don't have cattle or are only interested in hunting, they feel that fencing is not their responsibility. We need to see if we can put more teeth into the statutes that we have. Possibly look at the fencing of streams as well.
Requested By: **Committee Chair:** Representative Lee Qualm

Study F

Title of Requested Study: Study a revision to the process of developing the general appropriations act.
Scope of Requested Study: The study would look at the possibility of getting all legislators involved in the budget process. The study should consider the possibility of each legislator being appointed to a committee to develop the budget of the state agencies assigned to the committee. Each committee would meet for up to eight days in October and November to help develop a proposed budget for each agency assigned to the committee. Each committee would consist of at least one member of the appropriations committee. Each committee would use a zero-based budgeting process. Each committee would make their recommendations to the next legislative session.
Requested By: **Individual Legislator:** Representative Mike Verchio

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Study G

Title of Requested Study: Consider establishment of an independent body to determine legislator compensation and support staff.
Scope of Requested Study: Legislator pay, period of service, support staff and any additional means of aiding and supporting the purposes of the Legislature.
Requested By: **Individual Legislator:** Representative Steven Haugaard

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Study H

Title of Requested Study: Township Functions and Funding.
Scope of Requested Study:

- What functions are statutorily assigned to townships?
- How are these functions fulfilled in areas without organized townships?
- How do townships interact with other units of government?
- What funding sources are available to townships?
- Are these funding sources appropriate and adequate?

Requested By: **Individual Legislator:** Representative Mary Duvall

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Study I

Title of Requested Study: The study of substance abuse prevention at the earliest stages and options available to South Dakota communities.
Scope of Requested Study: Explore the problem of substance abuse, specifically meth use, and possible community prevention or intervention for pre-teens, teens, and young adults.
Questions to include:

- At what age are children first exposed to meth?
- What factors frequently lead to early exposure?
- What have been the most effective prevention and intervention methods?
- How can the community be a part of the solution?

Requested By: **Individual Legislator:** Senator Jim White

Study J

Title of Requested Study: A study of the benefits, merits and negative impacts of regulating the number of nursing and assisted living beds in South Dakota. Further, recommend action that may include elimination of or revisions to regulations for the betterment of the South Dakota populace.
Scope of Requested Study:

- History of regulations in South Dakota.
- How have the issues surrounding this industry and its constituents changed in recent years?
- Comparison to other state's regulations and their results.
- Why continue to regulate the number of beds?
- What are the pro and con results from these regulations? Who benefits? How are these results measured/quantified? What are the trends?
- How can more "free enterprise" be introduced into our management of care facilities?
- What are the forecasted changes for the industry in South Dakota and its constituents?
- How can the industry best respond to demographic and geographic changes in the state and what role should the state play in these changes for the benefit of all concerned?

Requested By: **Committee Vote:** House Commerce and Energy Committee

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Study K

Title of Requested Study: Assess existing payment methodologies for Medicaid providers to determine adequacy of payments that will provide for long term continuation of services and conclude with recommendations for any changes.
Scope of Requested Study:

- Current provider methodology for payment: hospitals - LTC - Community Based.
- Actual costs versus cost report data - What is included in cost reports - cost report years used for calculation.
- Projection of provider needs 5/10/20 years.
- Costs unaccounted for in reports.
- Other payment methodologies used in other states - Pros/Cons.
- Recommendations for any change.
- Funding sources for any changes for recommended increases.
- Sustainability and future growth.

Requested By: **Individual Legislators:** Representative Jean Hunhoff and Representative Dick Werner

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Study L

Title of Requested Study: Research the health care provider industry to identify specific types and determine effectiveness and funding needs relative to level of benefit provided.
Scope of Requested Study:

- Analyze existing provider types and grouping arrangements.
- Research new funding potential within business, government agencies, non-profits and grants.
- Identify emerging provider types and coordinate communication.
- Research E-Health issues that could be addressed by the Legislature.

Requested By: **Individual Legislator:** Senator Bruce Rampelberg

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Study M

Title of Requested Study: A study and evaluation of the educational co-ops in our state and how they fit into the whole educational structure of South Dakota. How are they structured and under what authority do they act?
Scope of Requested Study: (Overall - just examine these co-ops, totally and completely)

- How are they authorized and governed?
- Under what authority do they act?
- How are they funded?
- Can they be dissolved or ended?
- How do they relate to the Department of Education?
- What state oversight exists?
- What type of financial accountability do they have?
- Are they subject to audits?
- Must they publish their salaries, etc.?

Requested By: **Individual Legislator:** Representative Jim Bolin

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Study N

Title of Requested Study: A study to explore possible efficiencies gained by sharing services between school districts.
Scope of Requested Study:

- Consolidating school district payroll functions to the state level
- Place school district employees in the state health insurance program

Requested By: **Individual Legislator:** Representative Don Haggar

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Study O

Title of Requested Study: A study on the new funding formula for K-12 schools in South Dakota as it pertains to teacher-student ratios.
Scope of Requested Study: (None Given)
Requested By: **Individual Legislator:** Representative Burt Tulson

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Study P

Title of Requested Study: Determine level of involvement and support required by the Legislature, to

remove impediments and support the advancement of E-Learning in K12 schools, and to address certain statewide teacher shortages such as in Math and Science.

Scope of Requested Study:

- Determine the universe of need for specific subjects and teachers in K12.
- Identify products that are in use in SD and those available.
- Review staff capability and equipment available in each school.
- Evaluate best practices and E-Learning programs from K12 schools.
- Collaborate with BIT to determine current capability and anticipated requirements to meet future needs with a robust system.
- Develop guidelines and suggestions listing best applications and equipment.
- Prepare a comprehensive report that shows statewide goals and possibilities.

Requested By: **Individual Legislator:** Senator Bruce Rampelberg

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Please select up to 5 choices for summer studies.

Name:

First Choice:

Second Choice:

Third Choice:

Fourth Choice:

Fifth Choice:

Comments:

Submit

2016 Interim Study Rankings

(According to Point Values)

Rank	Points	Survey	Study Topic
1	119	J	A study of the benefits, merits and negative impacts of regulating the number of nursing and assisted living beds in South Dakota. Further, recommend action that may include elimination of or revisions to regulations for the betterment of the South Dakota populace.
2	113	K	Assess existing payment methodologies for Medicaid providers to determine adequacy of payments that will provide for long term continuation of services and conclude with recommendations for any changes.
3	103	I	The study of substance abuse prevention at the earliest stages and options available to South Dakota Communities.
4	98	H	Township Functions and Funding.
5	93	D	Civil forfeiture in South Dakota: A study of the process, the volume of assets seized, how the seized assets are managed and disposed of, the reporting process, possible abuses, and how South Dakota's process compares to other states.
6	84	B	Repealing the sales tax on food.
7	77	M	A study and evaluation of the educational co-ops in our state and how they fit into the whole educational structure of South Dakota. How are they structured and under what authority do they act?
8	74	G	Consider establishment of an independent body to determine legislator compensation and support staff.
9	63	N	A study to explore possible efficiencies gained by sharing services between school districts.
10	48	O	A study on the new funding formula for K-12 schools in South Dakota as it pertains to teacher-student ratios.
11	40	C	Truth and Reconciliation Commission. (This was supported in the State Tribal Relations Committee and in 2015 a letter that was sent to the Governor from the Committee requesting the establishiment of this Commission.)
12	35	E	Fencing laws and penalties.
13	32	F	Study a revision to the process of developing the general appropriations act.
14	23	P	Determine level of involvement and support required by the Legislature, to remove impediments and support the advancement of E-Learning in K12 schools, and to address certain statewide teacher shortages such as in Math and Science.
15	17	L	Research the health care provider industry to identify specific types and determine effectiveness and funding needs relative to level of benefit provided.
16	11	A	A study of the treatment of domestic and agricultural animals and how to properly regulate the treatment of each classification.

UniqueName	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
Anderson													1			
Bartling		1			2				5		4				3	
Bolin	4				5			2		3			1			
Bordeaux		5	1						4				2		3	
Bradford		3			1				5				2	4		
Brown				1					2	3						
Conzet							1	2								
Deutsch									2					3	1	
Dryden				1				2	3	4	5					
Duvall							5	1	2	3	4					
Ewing	2				1			3	5	4						
Feickert		1			5			2	3	4						
Frerichs		2									3				1	
Gibson		1	3								2					
Greenfield (Bro									1				3		2	
Greenfield (Lan									1							
Haggar (Don)				1						3	5		4	2		
Haggar (Jenna)				1			3			4			5	2		
Haugaard						2	1		5			3				4
Haverly								1								
Hawks		1	2						4		3					
Hawley		1	3					2		5	4					
Heinemann (Le							4	3	2		1		5			
Heinert		2	1				3		4		5					
Holmes		3								1	2					
Hunhoff (Berni		1														
Hunhoff (Jean)								3	4	5	1		2			
Hunt							2	1		3			4	5		
Johns				2	4	3			1		5					
Killer		2	1				4		5						3	
Klumb					4		3	1		5			2			
Langer							1	3			4		2	5		
Latterell				2		1	3		5					4		
May					5	2	4						1	3		
Mickelson								5	4				3		2	1
Monroe	3									5	4		1			2
Novstrup (Al)				2			5				4		3			1
Novstrup (Davi		3		1			2									
Omdahl							5		2		3		4	1		
Otten (Ernie)				1		3	5	2	4							
Otten (Herman						4		2			1		5	3		
Parsley		1	3					4			2				5	

UniqueName	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
Peterson (Jim)		1									3				2	
Qualm					3	2			4				5	1		
Rampelberg										5	4	3		2		1
Rasmussen								1	2				3	5	4	
Ring		1	3	4							2				5	
Romkema				5					3	1	2					
Rounds				2			5			1				4	3	
Rozum								2	1	4	3					
Rusch				1												
Schaefer	5			1	3			2		4						
Schoenbeck										2	1					
Schoenfish		5						1		4	2	3				
Schrempp		1	3									2				
Shorma				4					3	1				2		
Sly								1		2	3					
Soholt				1				3	5	2	4					
Soli		2	1								3					
Solum				2			4			1			3			
Stalzer				3			2			1						
Steinhauer	5					4				1	3			2		
Stevens				1				2		3				4		5
Sutton		1	5				4		3		2					
Tidemann				4				3	2	5	1					
Tieszen				1			2			3						
Tulson							5			3	2	4			1	
Van Gerpen					2				1			4	3		5	
Vehle				3	2				1		5			4		
Verchio						1				3				4	2	5
Werner							4		2	3	1			5		
Westra				4			5			1			2	3		
White									1	2	3					
Wiik							4	5		1			3	2		
Willadsen				3			1			2			4	5		
Wollmann		4					1	5		2	3					

2016 Study Survey Comments

Legislator	Comments
Greenfield (Lana)	As we have a meth problem in our area, I am interested in this study. We started community meetings and need to know how to proceed from here. Thank you for your consideration.
Haugaard	I would be glad to serve on any of these committees. The others I didn't rank in the top 5 are also worthy of consideration.
Hunhoff (Jean)	In the last two years we have addressed roads and education. As we go forward we are facing an increasing older population that is going to need to be addressed for access and appropriate level of care and services to serve both the rural and urban areas. The updated Long Term Care Study should be the guide to what those needs are and strategies to ensure South Dakotans have placement either in their homes or facilities that allow for transition to the levels needed. Bottom line is that we have not drilled down into the types and costs for those levels of care and how we are going to pay for them. Other than births on the reservations, this is the fastest growing population in South Dakota. We need to have a plan in place and a viable methodology to support this expenditure. Solutions need to include further partnerships with the public and private providers in the deliery of Medicaid services in South Dakota. Thank you. Representative Jean Hunhoff
Rozum	So many suggestions do not seem to warrant a summer study or may be part of an existing task force.
Schoenbeck	A fair number of those options are a terrible waste of legislator time and the taxpayers resources.
Soholt	Study J: Should look at plan for aging in SD that includes resources for in-home care "aging in place" - the full continuum should be assessed along with funding for each to identify gaps and establish plan for decade of development. Study H: Also include demographic trends for townships and what the goals would be for future development (if should be continued with that populace), and what options there are for growth/consolidation to be most efficient with taxpayer dollars.
Soli	It is long past time to give serious and thoughtful consideration to positive approaches to providing healing and hope for Native Americans and the issues affecting our whole state related to these first residents of South Dakota. Let's work on C.
Tidemann	M was requested in a memo from Appropriations, with the report to go to GOAC and Appropriations.
Wollmann	I enjoy the way this is set up. Thank you.