

# 2017 Interim Study Rankings

## (According to Point Values)

Rank	Points	Survey	Study Topic
1	199	U	The Regulation of Access to and Use of Non-Meandered Waters on Public and Private Property
2	91	J	Workforce Housing
3	83	H	Government Accountability Task Force
4	67	C	Early Childhood Education
5	57	V	The Future of the South Dakota University System to Include Residential Campuses, University Centers, and Online Learning
6	56	R	Property Tax Exemptions -- Breadth and Scope
7	55	P	Alcoholic Beverage Control and Licensing
8	51	B	Health Insurance Pact
9	47	F	Review of Civil Forfeiture Laws and Disbursement of Funds
10	47	G	Governmental Cooperation
11	45	D	Local Government Bridge and Culvert Funding
12	44	T	Preparing for a Comprehensive Study of South Dakota's Tax Structure
13	43	Q	Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts
14	41	L	Expand the Knowledge and Understanding of the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program of Current and Future Refugees and Their Impact on South Dakota
15	27	S	Review the Current System of Property Classification for Purposes of Taxation
16	26	E	Study of Rail Service in South Dakota
17	25	O	Property Tax Classification/Re-Balance
18	23	A	Native American Healthcare within the Tribes
19	22	M	Refugee Workforce
20	12	N	FLDS Compound located SW of Pringle, SD
21	6	I	Make More State Boards and Commissions Meetings Available on Statewide Media
22	6	K	Workforce Development: Integrating Immigrants, Refugees, and Religious Minorities into the South Dakota Workforce

Survey Ranking By Member

4/12/2017

UniqueName	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	
Ahlers			1					4		2										3		5	
Bartels								2												3		1	
Beal							1	2														3	
Bolin												5				3		1	4			2	
Campbell						5							4						3			2	1
Carson	4		2		5											1							3
Chase				5				2		3									1			4	
Clark					2			1				4								5		3	
Curd							4	1							5					2			3
Dennert		2										1	4	3									5
Duvall						5				4											3	1	2
Ewing				2	3											1		4				5	
Frerichs			4	1						2											3	5	
Glanzer	1					4		3			5											2	
Gosch		2								3			4									1	5
Greenfield (Bro		4		5				3				2										1	
Greenfield (Lan														1								3	2
Haggar										5							2	3	1			4	
Haugaard		4					3	5				2											1
Haverly										1						2	3						
Hawley			3							1							5				4	2	
Heinemann										3									2			1	
Heinert	2	4	3									5									1		
Holmes	3		2					4				1											
Howard		2													5			4	3		1		
Jamison							1	5										2	3			4	
Jensen (Kevin)	4	3						1				5										2	
Jensen (Phil)		1				3		4					2										5
Johnson			5			4										3						1	2
Karr		2													4			1			5	3	
Kennedy			1							4									3		2	5	
Kettwig			3							1								4				2	5
Klumb		2		3			4	5														1	
Kolbeck		1				3				5							4					2	
Lake								2							3				4	5		1	
Langer						2								5					3	4		1	
Lesmeister	1		5		3																4	2	
Livermont		4						5						3	2								1
Lust			5			4											3			2		1	
Maher							5			1						4	3					2	
May		3								2									5			4	1
Mickelson					3					1							2					4	
Mills				4			5								1		2					3	
Nelson								2					1										
Nesiba			3								1									5	2		4
Netherton																		1	2	3			

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Novstrup																						1	
Otten (Ernie)				1	4			3									5					2	
Otten (Herman)		2																		3		1	
Partridge						2		2														2	
Peters						5	4			3						1						2	
Peterson (Sue)		4										3	2									5	1
Pischke																						1	
Rasmussen			2	1					5									3					4
Reed										2		3				5	4					1	
Rhoden								4		3							2					1	5
Rounds					2		4	5				3										1	
Rusch						1	2												3				
Schaefer				3	2										1								
Schoenfish			4	2			1			3											5		
Soholt			4			1				2						3		5					
Solano			3	2				1		4													
Soli			1							2		4									3	5	
Stalzer								1				3										2	
Steinhauer	4	5																		1		2	3
Stevens			3		4	1										5						2	
Sutton			2							1								5			3	4	
Tapio												2	3				4					1	
Tieszen			4			3										1						2	
Tulson				3				4		2										5		1	
Turbiville			2			4	3			1								5					
Wiik							4	6										3				2	
Willadsen						2	5	1		4									3				
Wismer			3	5						1											4	2	
Youngberg				2				3														1	
Zikmund								1							2	3		4					5

# 2017 Study Survey Comments

<b>Legislator</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Chase</b>	R & O are similar in what the discussion points would be.
<b>Glanzer</b>	Please advise the Executive Board that I would be willing to serve on any of the summer studies that they may assign me. Thanks.
<b>Haggar</b>	For the benefit of the E-Board, remind them that the civil forfeiture issue was rejected as a summer study last year but that an issue memo was completed.
<b>Holmes</b>	I believe that an overall study of the impact of refugees upon South Dakota is a good idea at this time.
<b>Mickelson</b>	The Speaker is super cool.
<b>Mills</b>	Studies O, R, & S have some natural overlap and could be combined into one.
<b>Nesiba</b>	Thank you for doing this!
<b>Otten (Herman)</b>	The vote for "T" should be counted as a vote for any one of the tax classification/structure proposals.
<b>Schaefer</b>	I would love to serve on the RR summer study if chosen.
<b>Steinhauer</b>	Many are related to property tax; O, S, T, and even Q could all be included in one study. I selected S as it seemed most likely to be able to address all the property tax issues reflected in the others.
<b>Turbiville</b>	Having spent 10 years on the SD Housing Authority Board, 9 years as Chairman of the Board, and having just completed a Workforce Housing study in my community, I would like to serve on J. 10 years in the SD Legislature, 4 years as Mayor of Deadwood, 9 years as Board Chair of a school district, I feel I can contribute to serving on G.
<b>Wismer</b>	Also interested in railroads.

# 2017 Proposed Interim Studies

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## Study A

**Title of Requested Study:** Native American Healthcare within the Tribes

**Scope of Requested Study:**

- Native American and/or tribal members continuing their education in healthcare to return home and take care of their own member's healthcare issues.
- LPNs and RNs to work in clinic, hospital, nursing homes, and assisted living centers.
- IN-MED a North Dakota course for graduating seniors taking a 6-week course on Native medicine (natural and/or herbal).

**Requested By:** Representative Steven McCleerey

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## Study B

**Title of Requested Study:** Health Insurance Pact

**Scope of Requested Study:** To study the feasibility of creating a Northern Plains Health Insurance Pact that would involve up to eight or nine northern plains states. The goal would be to eliminate state barriers to insurance companies, allowing them to offer more products to more people, thus bringing down the price of health insurance.

**Requested By:** Senator Phil Jensen

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## Study C

**Title of Requested Study:** Early Childhood Education

**Scope of Requested Study:**

- Study the impact of early childhood education in South Dakota.
- Study the funding potential and opportunity of state funding of pre-kindergarten.
- Study the best early childhood education programs in other states.

**Requested By:** Senator Billie Sutton

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## Study D

**Title of Requested Study:** Local Government Bridge and Culvert Funding

**Scope of Requested Study:**

SB1 in 2015 created the local government bridge improvement grant program. Currently all of the funds are allocated each year and sustainability of the fund is at risk. Bridges and culverts of all sizes on local government roads are a severe liability.

SB 141 in 2016 offered one option for further funding of these bridges. Renewed interest at the federal level on infrastructure is good news.

**Requested By:** Senator Ernie Otten, Senate Transportation Chair

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## Study E

**Title of Requested Study:** Study of Rail Service in South Dakota

**Scope of Requested Study:**

- Rail service in the state.
- Issues facing rail expansion.
- Status of state owned rail.
- How to serve underserved areas.
- Infrastructure needs.

**Requested By:** Representative Michael Clark

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## Study F

**Title of Requested Study:** Review of Civil Forfeiture Laws and Disbursement of Funds

**Scope of Requested Study:** Reserve from civil forfeiture has been FY2013 1.8m; FY2014 1.1m; FY 2015 1.5 m; FY2016 1.4m. All funds are disbursed by AG office. Funds do not go into the general fund. Should they? SD civil forfeiture laws need to be reviewed as they relate to the process and burden of proof.

**Requested By:** Representative Mike Stevens

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## Study G

**Title of Requested Study:** Governmental Cooperation

**Scope of Requested Study:**

- Find ways for county, city and state cooperation for government programs/services and buildings.
- Look for incentives or penalties to improve cooperation.
- The goal of the cooperation sought is to improve government efficiency, cost effectiveness, and constituent satisfaction.

**Requested By:** House Local Government; Representative Greg Jamison

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## Study H

**Title of Requested Study:** Government Accountability Task Force

**Scope of Requested Study:**

- Campaign finance
- Lobbyist restrictions
- Ethics
- Government accountability

**Requested By:** Senate Judiciary Committee

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## Study I

**Title of Requested Study:** Make More State Boards and Commissions Meetings Available on Statewide Media

**Scope of Requested Study:** How can we get more state boards and commissions on TV and on the internet? Question is about transparency - the public is asking for more transparency.

**Requested By:** Senator Jack Kolbeck

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## Study J

**Title of Requested Study:** Workforce Housing

**Scope of Requested Study:** Study the need for workforce housing in South Dakota, especially in the rural areas and in smaller communities. The study should include a review of programs offered by the South Dakota Housing and Development Authority. The study should explore and recommend possible ways to address current and future workforce housing needs.

**Requested By:** House State Affairs

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## Study K

**Title of Requested Study:** Workforce Development: Integrating Immigrants, Refugees, and Religious Minorities into the South Dakota Workforce

**Scope of Requested Study:**

- How do we ameliorate differences and better facilitate cross cultural understanding to more quickly and effectively integrate new South Dakotans into our workplaces?
- What is already working at firms with diverse workforces?
- What obstacles exist to further integration? How do we overcome these?

**Requested By:** Senator Reynold Nesiba

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## Study L

**Title of Requested Study:** Expand the Knowledge and Understanding of the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program of Current and Future Refugees and Their Impact on South Dakota.

**Scope of Requested Study:**

- The reasons why refugees have come to South Dakota.
- What challenges and issues confront the refugees?
- The impact of government policies on the refugees.
- The current status of the lives of refugees in South Dakota.

**Requested By:** House Health and Human Services

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## Study M

**Title of Requested Study:** Refugee Workforce

**Scope of Requested Study:** To study the financial impact of refugee resettlement on the South Dakota economy.

**Requested By:** Senator Phil Jensen, Chair Senate Commerce & Energy

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## Study N

**Title of Requested Study:** FLDS Compound located SW of Pringle, SD

**Scope of Requested Study:** Inquire on the following: Population of compound; do citizens have birth certificates; has compound ever issued a death certificate; does compound have home school program in compliance with state standards; is polygamy taking place; and is sex trafficking taking place. (FLDS: Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints)

**Requested By:** Representative Tim Goodwin

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## Study O

**Title of Requested Study:** Property Tax Classification/Re-Balance

**Scope of Requested Study:**

- Consider adding tax classes to recognize variety of use.
- Study tax exempt entities/properties - expanding ownership and impacts on tax revenue shift.
- Consider a switch to tax class based on use and not ownership.
- Property tax relief for renters.

**Requested By:** Representative John Mills

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## Study P

**Title of Requested Study:** Alcoholic Beverage Control and Licensing

**Scope of Requested Study:**

- Study the three-tier system of regulating the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in South Dakota to educate legislators on how the system works in the state so the Legislature can be better prepared to address future changes to the system.
- Study the occupational tax and the wholesale tax on alcoholic beverages and the distribution of revenue.

**Requested By:** House State Affairs

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## Study Q

**Title of Requested Study:** Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts

**Scope of Requested Study:**

- History, background, impacts on South Dakota.
- How TIFs affect school funding, municipalities, and counties.

**Requested By:** Representative Don Hagggar on behalf of the House Tax Committee

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## Study R

**Title of Requested Study:** Property Tax Exemptions -- Breadth and Scope

**Scope of Requested Study:**

How much real property is tax exempt?

- What value and how many properties?
- Who owns this property?
- What is the trend?
- Who makes payments in lieu of taxes?
- Are those payments adequate?
- Should we consider changes in how property is removed from tax rolls?

**Requested By:** Representative Don Haggar on behalf of the House Tax Committee

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## Study S

**Title of Requested Study:** Review the Current System of Property Classification for Purposes of Taxation

**Scope of Requested Study:** South Dakota has four different classes of real estate for purposes of taxation. Other states have more classes. Compare and contrast our classifications with surrounding states and with other states with similar tax structures. Consider issues of fairness and economic development as impacted by property classification.

**Requested By:** House Taxation Committee

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## Study T

**Title of Requested Study:** Preparing for a Comprehensive Study of South Dakota's Tax Structure

**Scope of Requested Study:** With this proposal, a working group this summer would lay the groundwork for an extensive interim study of South Dakota's tax system, to be conducted one or two years from now. The lead time is needed to arrange for written analyses of various aspects of the state tax structure, schedule out-of-state tax experts to testify, and set up public meetings around the state. The initial working group might include, for example, four legislators from Taxation and/or Appropriations committees, one representative each from BFM and Department of Revenue, two university faculty members, and two representatives from the public and/or business community. The working group might use the Nebraska Tax Modernization Committee Report (2013) as a model.

**Requested By:** Representative Ray Ring

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## Study U

**Title of Requested Study:** A Study of the Regulation of Access to and Use of Non-Meandered Waters on Public and Private Property

**Scope of Requested Study:**

- Supreme Court opinion-Duerre v. Hepler, 2017 S.D. 8.
- Private property protections.
- Public access to waters including non-meandering waters.
- Regulation and management of non-meandering waters.

**Requested By:** Representative Larry Rhoden, Chair House State Affairs Committee

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## Study V

**Title of Requested Study:** The future of the South Dakota University System to Include Residential Campuses, University Centers, and Online Learning

**Scope of Requested Study:** The study will include the impact of population changes, tuition and fee structure, state support, changing career markets, and needs and use of online learning. The study will also include overall mission, and the mission of each university, as well as examine the need for a community college system in the State of South Dakota.

**Requested By:** Representative Sue Peterson

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