

2011 Interim Study Survey

- _____ A A study of subrogation and how subrogation claims are handled in South Dakota.
An unbiased explanation, in layman's terms, of the subrogation process and how it is intended to work.
(House Commerce and Energy Committee--Representative Mark Willadsen)
- _____ B A study to improve efficiencies in state government. During times of declining state tax revenue, it becomes even more critical to build capacity of state agencies by evaluating and when necessary, redesigning systems to provide greater value to our citizens. This study will also include a thorough investigation of the potential and the efficiencies to be found in expanding the role of technology in government. The ultimate outcome of this study would be the revision of our process for the legislative review of State agencies by limiting the scope to particular systems within each agency, and using management tools such as LEAN to enhance customer value and efficient use of resources.
(Senator Phyllis Heineman and Senator Mark Johnston)
- _____ C An interim legislative study of the delivery of education at all levels in South Dakota. The study would:
(1) Examine ways to make the delivery of education in the state more effective and efficient, including the possible combining of the state's current education agencies and boards into one structure that would provide a seamless education to students by administering the provision of all public education in the state, including elementary education, secondary education, and the postsecondary education that is offered at both the postsecondary technical institutes and the regental institutions; and
(2) Include a review of charter university concepts and other models of delivery of higher education services, including the consideration of autonomy at the institutional and state system levels.
(Senator Mark Johnston)
- _____ D Review of Sales Tax Exemptions and Property Tax Policy
· Determine the justification and need for exemptions from the State Sales Tax
· Determine a method for eliminating unnecessary exemptions whether through a general "sunset" or by grouping exemptions and analyzing each group in successive years.
· Routinely review Sales Tax exemptions on a two or five year rotating basis.
(Representative Charles Turbiville)
- _____ E On behalf of the members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, please inform the E-Bd that the committee is not recommending formal interim study topics for 2011. However, the committee has these suggestions for the 2011 Interim.
East River Ag & Nat. Res. Tour--The committee would like to participate in a tour of Ag & Nat. Res. facilities and features in eastern SD during the 2011 interim, similar to the West River tour that was done 2 years ago. The tour would be organized and funded by Ag & Nat. Res. organizations and would be intended for members of the House & Senate Ag and Nat. Res. Committees. The Dept. of Ag, DENR, and GF&P would also be involved. Committee members who participated in previous tours of this type have found them to be very informative and helpful, and we hope that one can be organized in 2011.
International Legislative Forum--For several years, legislators from SD, ND, MN, and Manitoba have held a legislative forum to discuss issues and developments related to Ag & Nat. Resources. This summer, it is SD's turn to host the forum, which will be held in Brookings. The committee wishes to inform the Executive Board of this activity and would welcome any assistance the Board may be able to provide.
Senator Shantel Krebs, Chair, Senate Committee on Ag. & Nat. Res.
(Senator Shantel Krebs, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources)

- _____ **F** Horse processing in South Dakota.
In-depth study of horse processing potential in South Dakota.
What can be done on a state and federal level to make it a reality?
Related issues that might be impacted: Economic development benefit for South Dakota.
(Representatives Frank Kloucek and Dean Schrempp; Senators Jim Bradford, Billie Sutton)
- _____ **G** Study of an acceptable method to make government smaller and more lean.
What are the best practices for determining:
Priorities for provision of government services;
Reducing size or eliminating government services;
Which programs are sustainable going forward; and
Appropriate methods of performance measurement and budgeting.
Related issues that might be impacted: Budgeting, services provided. (Representative Mark Venner)

Study impact of collective bargaining on South Dakota. South Dakota faces challenging fiscal times, and experts have pointed to government unions as a key driver of the costs of government. (Senator Tim Rave)
(Senator Tim Rave and Representative Mark Venner)
- _____ **H** Study of expungement.
Arrest records expungement--power to do so--Governor, AG, Courts.
(Representative Brian Gosch)
- _____ **I** Study of immigration
Federal law on-point--what other states have done--focus on the illegal and the employer who would hire the same.
(Representative Brian Gosch)
- _____ **J** Study of our tax system and revenue source.
What are all of the current revenue services?
What alternatives are available?
What are expected needs--1 year, 5 year, and 10 year projections?
(Representatives Spencer Hawley and Elaine Elliott)
- _____ **K** Study of perpetual easements affecting agriculture and natural resources.
Study the characteristics and effects of perpetual easements and conservation easements impacting agricultural land and natural resources. Address the effects on the agricultural economy, property rights, wildlife and natural resources, and potential alternatives. Related issues that might be impacted: Property rights, land use, ag. production and activity, public access to land and wildlife, protection of scenic and natural areas, and endangered species. Determine whether agricultural easements should be year-specific.
(House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and Representative Lance Russell)
- _____ **L** Study of potential state revenue sources related to natural resources, land, and mineral and energy development.
Study of potential state revenue sources related to natural resources, land, and mineral and energy development. Address energy policy, mineral, oil, and gas development, potential revenues from fish, wildlife, parks, and other outdoor activities, and use of state lands for these purposes. Related issues that might be impacted: Energy policy, property rights, environmental impacts, agricultural production and activity, public access to land and wildlife, use of state wildlife revenues.
(House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- _____ **M** Study of state land acquisition, use, and disposal policy.
Study of state land acquisition, use, and disposal policy, including state purchases of land for wildlife and parks purposes and impacts on the state's agricultural economy, and overall economy. Overview of use of state lands and related policy. Related issues that might be impacted: Property rights, land use, agricultural production and activity, public access to land and wildlife.
(House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

_____ N Study the creation, use, and taxation of fractured mineral rights in preparation for expanded oil/gas exploration. Fractured mineral rights means a condition where severed mineral interests (any property interest in minerals which interest which is owned separately from the surface interests of the property) are so numerous as to cause confusion over ownership of those rights.

(Representative Lora Hubbel)

_____ O Study the economic impact to video lottery and gaming due to the smoking ban.
The loss of video lottery revenue due to the smoking ban. If licensing stand-alone bars would improve video lottery revenues and bring additional revenue to the general fund.

(House Commerce and Energy Committee--Representative Bob Deelstra)

_____ P Study the provision of health care in South Dakota and the industry involved in that provision relative to Medicaid.

Study impact of Medicaid funding in the State of South Dakota over the 5 and 10 years.

What impact will the patient care and affordable care act have on the future budgets of the State of South Dakota through 2021?

Study the options available to help control the costs of Medicaid.

Study would include the topic of insurance subrogation as it affects Medicaid.

(House Health and Human Services Committee and Representative Spencer Hawley)

_____ Q Review the development of property tax policy and the proportion of property tax burdens among commercial, residential, and agricultural interests.

(Senator Elizabeth Kraus)

Suggestions for Issue Forums or Memoranda
