

**LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES
OCTOBER 2011**

Government Operations and Political Subdivisions	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	State Agency Consolidation
Legislator(s) – Sponsor:	Rep. Wayne Harper
Interested Parties:	Michael Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations
Code Reference:	Master Study Item
<p>Description: Rep. Harper provided an update on how to improve government services and realign state agencies. After meetings with state agencies and staff members they have 80 recommendations that have been narrowed to 25 that are viable to accomplish. There are no recommendations on consolidating state agencies at this time, but will address this issue in months ahead. Mr. Mower reported that the state has a long history of providing different Councils to review agency optimization and efficiencies.</p> <p>The council co-chairs Tom Bingham and Jenny Wilson presented the 25 recommendations.</p> <p><i>Action: No action taken.</i></p>	
Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Kidnap Offender Registry Amendments
Legislator(s) – Sponsor:	Rep. Fred C. Cox
Interested Parties:	
Code Reference:	Amends § 77-27-21.5
<p>Description: Provides a judicial process by which an offender under Section 76-5-301 regarding kidnapping or an offender under Section 76-5-304 regarding unlawful detention may petition the court for removal from the registry. Provides a process for the offender to obtain criminal records necessary for the judicial hearing. Removes the offense of kidnapping from the list of offenses required to be on the sex offender registry, but does not remove kidnapping offenses involving children or aggravating circumstances.</p> <p><i>Rep. Cox moves that the Kidnap Offender Registry Amendments move forward.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Passed unanimously.</i></p>	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Sex Offender Registry Chapter, 2012FL-0189/003
Legislator(s) – Sponsor:	Rep. Don Ipson for Rep. Jack R. Draxler
Interested Parties:	
Code Reference:	Amends §§ 41-3-205.5, 41-3-209, 53-3-205, 53-3-216, 53-3-413, 53-3-804, 53-3-806.5, 53-3-807, 53-10-404, 62A-7-104, 63G-2-302, 76-3-402, 77-27-21.7, 77-27-21.8, and 77-40-105. Enacts §§ 77-41-101 through 111 Repeals § 77-27-21.5
<p>Description: Repeals Section 77-27-21.5; and creates a new chapter in Title 77, Code of Criminal Procedure, from its provisions.</p> <p><i>Rep. Ipson moves that the Sex Offender Registry bill move forward as a Committee bill.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Passed Unanimously.</i></p>	

Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Civil Commitment Amendments, 2012FL-0006/005
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Interested Parties:	Ron Gordon, Executive Director, CCJJ Susan Eisenman, Assistant Attorney General Adam Troop, Utah Association of Counties
Code Reference:	Amends §§ 62A-15-602, 62A-15-631
Description: Defines the term “harmful sexual conduct;” amends the definition of “substantial danger;” and amends the process for civil commitment. <i>A motion was made to move the Civil Commitment Amendments bill forward with a favorable recommendation.</i> <i>Action: Passed</i>	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Drug Offender Reform Act (DORA)
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	
Interested Parties:	Mary Lou Emerson, Director, USAAV Audrey Hickert, Research Analyst, Utah Criminal Justice Center
Code Reference:	UCA § 63M-7-305(6)
Description: Mary Lou Emerson and Audrey Hickert provided an update on the DORA project and evaluation. DORA information can be found online at http://www.usaav.utah.gov/usaav_dora.html	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	DUI Report (also presented in theTransportation Interim)
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	
Interested Parties:	Mary Lou Emerson, Director USAAV Anna Kay Waddoups, Chair, USAAV DUI Committee
Code Reference:	UCA § 41-6a-511
Description: The FY2011 DUI report was presented to the Committee. A copy can be found online at http://le.utah.gov/ASP/Interim/Commit.asp?Year=2011&Com=INTJLE	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Housing State Inmates in County Jails
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	
Interested Parties:	Mike Haddon, Deputy Director of Department of Corrections
Code Reference:	
Description: The Utah Department of Corrections is required by Utah Code 64-13e-106 to report annually, in writing, regarding the annual incarceration rate, participating counties, number of state inmates housed by each county, number of probation inmates housed by each county, and the number of parole inmates housed by each county.	