

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES -- MAY 2015

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	2015 Master Study Resolution Items
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	
Interested Parties:	
Code Reference:	
<p>Description: Discussion on the three study items that were prioritized by the Legislative Management Committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of body cameras by law enforcement (to be heard this day). 2. Implementation of HB 348, JRI; with treatment efforts by Counties. 3. Use of force by law enforcement. <p>Additional items added by committee members include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protective orders. Rep. Tanner 2. Gang initiative. Rep. Ray <p>The Legislative Leadership team has sent a directive to the Interim Committees asking that the issues studied by the Committee be resolved in one of four ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft legislation for the 2016 General Session; 2. Conclude the issue is significant, but more time is needed to develop solutions; 3. Conclusion that there is insufficient support to study the issue; 4. Conclude the issue is not recommended for policy for the legislature to address at this time. <p>If 3 or 4 apply and someone drafts a bill meeting the criteria, the bill will not be released from Rules.</p> <p>The Interim Committee was asked to determine which required annual reports are no longer needed.</p> <p><i>[Action: Representative Ipson made a motion to direct staff to open a bill file to eliminate the following four annual reports: law enforcement operations account report; law enforcement services account report; the DORA report; and state inmates in county jails reports. PASSED unanimously.]</i></p>	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	New Felonies and Enhancements on Existing Punishments
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	
Interested Parties:	Peter Stirba, Chair, Sentencing Commission Jennifer Valencia, Director, Sentencing Commission
Code Reference:	
<p>Description: The Sentencing Commission presented a report covering new felonies and enhancements on existing felonies. The complete report can be found on the Sentencing Commission’s web page www.sentencing.utah.gov.</p> <p><i>[Action: No action taken, information only.]</i></p>	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Long-Term Planning - Discussions
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	
Interested Parties:	Ron Gordon, Director, CCJJ Rollin Cook, Director, UDOC Mike Haddon, Executive Deputy Director UDOC
Code Reference:	
<p>Description: The CCJJ and Department of Corrections presented the long-term planning issues that their respective agencies are looking to address for the coming year.</p> <p>Ron Gordon: Priority is implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative; taking at least three years for implementation. Other projects include aging prisoners and prisoners with mental health disorders; other prison population drivers include sex offender sentencing and release policies (to be studied in FY 2016); issues regarding good landlord laws; and mandatory community services hours in</p>	

the juvenile justice system.	
<p>Rollin Cook: One major item is the prison relocation and providing technical advice and data to the Prison Relocation Committee; another major item is West 1 - CUCF construction adding the 192 bed housing unit; operational efficiencies – aging population classification; improve segregated housing; improvements to safety and security; certification process improvements; staffing issues and recruitment; professionalizing Corrections; public service and awareness; and Correctional Industries program.</p> <p>Mike Haddon: Justice Reinvestment Initiative and the offender assessment instrument, LSI-RNR; case action planning process to identify programs and services needed for offenders both incarcerated and those re-entering the community; earned time credit for incarcerated offenders for finishing programming; transitioning offenders back into the community; response and incentive matrix for AP&P and the Board of Pardons and Parole; earned time credit for parolees; and staff training. <i>[Action: No action taken, information only.]</i></p>	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	Rep. Daniel McCay
Interested Parties:	
Code Reference:	
<p>Description: Rep. McCay presented information on HB 386 (2015 General Session), Body Cameras for Law Enforcement Officers referencing the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) report (on the Committee’s webpage). General issues include having a policy in place for the use of body cams; how long for video storage and standards for retention; issues surrounding privacy concerns – GRAMA; usage of cameras; medical issues to keep video private; officer involved editing of the video; and use in a criminal case. Several issues when reviewing the use of body cameras by law enforcement and the policy issues surrounding the legislation. <i>[Action: No action taken, information only.]</i></p>	
JUDICIARY	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Expungement Update
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	Rep. Eric Hutchings
Interested Parties:	
Code Reference:	
<p>Description: Rep. Hutchings provided an update on HB 40 (2015 General Session) on Expungement Amendments. The bill creates a new definition of “expunge;” requires that the state agencies remove information regarding expunged convictions from public databases; creates a statement of legislative intent for expungement; and provides a stated purpose for expungement. The Committee will review the bill for the 2016 General Session and work toward its passage. Sen. Hillyard is interested in receiving information on the actual number of expungements received by the courts and how many were granted. <i>[Action: Sen. Hillyard made a recommendation to set this item on the next agenda to allow the Committee to view the third substitute draft bill for discussion.]</i></p>	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Interim Study Items
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	
Interested Parties:	
Code Reference:	
<p>Description: Leadership has requested the Committee focus on the following two items: Family law: to include study of the statute and issues relating to alimony (length, cohabitation, and rehabilitative alimony provisions; Civil Rights: to study the statute and current use of surveillance, subpoenas, and police use of force. <i>[Action: No action taken, information only.]</i></p>	

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Interim Study Items
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	
Interested Parties:	
Code Reference:	
	<p>Description: Some of the items leadership requested the Committee to focus on are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medicaid Preferred Drug List Expansion - to study whether to authorize the Department of Health to include all psychotropic and anti-psychotic drugs on the Medicaid program's preferred drug list. (H.B. 156) 2. Medical Liability - to study whether a health care provider should only be responsible to the spouse, parent, or child of a patient for providing or failing to provide health care. (H.B. 405) 3. Medical Marijuana - to study whether to permit the possession, use, and growing of medical cannabis. (S.B. 259) <p><i>[Action: No action taken, information only.]</i></p>
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Report from the Department of Public Safety
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	
Interested Parties:	Debbie Johnson, Legislative Liaison, DPS
Code Reference:	
	<p>Description: Ms. Johnson provided a report from DPS that summarizes the information reported to the department on unmanned aircraft systems and the total number of issued or denied warrants for the operation of an unmanned aircraft system. The reporting of events is made online through UCJIS The full report is on the legislative Interim Committee web page.</p> <p><i>[Action: No action taken, information only.]</i></p>
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	
Bill Title/Subject Matter:	Interim Study Items
Legislator(s) –Sponsor:	
Interested Parties:	
Code Reference:	
	<p>Description: FYI: One of the items leadership assigned to this committee is the: Good Landlord Program - to study issues related to the Good Landlord Program (H.B. 268). (Froerer; HJR26) and (Brian King; HJR26).</p> <p><i>[Action: No action taken, information only.]</i></p>