



*2015 Master Study Resolution Items of Interest*

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- Item 3 Assessment Bonding – to study assessment bonding and foreclosure.
- Item 6 Building Code Adoption – to study whether the residential building code adoption cycle should be three years or six years.
- Item 21 Minimum Wage – to study the impact of increases in the minimum wage.
- Item 24 Subdivision Base Parcels – to study delinquent taxes on subdivision base parcels.
- Item 25 Subdivision Bonding – to study subdivision bonding and security.
- Item 49 Affordable Housing and Transit – to study transit-oriented and transit-supportive developments.
- Item 58 Campaign Finance Revisions – to study and review ways to simplify campaign finance requirements while ensuring transparency.
- Item 60 Conflict of Interest – to study elections conflict of interest disclosure modifications.
- Item 62 Disclosure Laws – to study campaign contribution disclosure laws.
- Item 63 Election Technical Cleanup – to study areas of the Utah Code that should be modified for consistency with other code sections.
- Item 64 Grounds for Removal from Office – to study how to remove elected officials from office due to health or mental illness issues.
- Item 66 Low Voter Participation – to study past and present voter participation trends in Utah and other states, what administrative or other barriers may inhibit voter participation in Utah, what other states are doing to increase voter participation, and other issues. The study should include an analysis of past studies that have been performed on this topic.
- Item 67 Monitoring Impact of Federal Rules and Regulations – to study the process and cost to monitor and address the impact of all federal rules and regulations on the state of Utah, its political subdivisions, and its citizens.
- Item 68 Releasing Election Results – to study whether election officials should be required, or allowed, to give updated election results after election night but before the official canvass.
- Item 69 State Auditor Records Appeal – to study whether to allow the state auditor to make an appeal to the State Records Committee for release of agency records in certain circumstances.
- Item 99 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.
- Item 106 Body Cameras – to study body cameras for peace officers.
- Item 112 Law Enforcement Use of Force – to study issues related to law enforcement use of force.
- Item 114 Protection for Peace Officers – to study bulletproof windshields for peace



officers.

- Item 118 Air Quality – to study ways to improve Utah’s air quality.
- Item 119 – to study a five-year statute of limitations for violating the Environmental Quality Code. The study should also consider increasing civil penalties in the Air Conservation Act.
- Item 121 Beekeeping – to study potential changes to the Utah Bee Inspection Act.
- Item 128 River Management – to study various Colorado River management strategies.
- Item 129 Tire Fees – to study the merits of increasing the fee on purchasing new tires.
- Item 130 Transferring Water Shares in a Mutual Benefit Corporation – to study whether to modify the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act to allow for the transfer of water shares in a mutual benefit corporation.
- Item 131 Wildfire Mitigation – to study how to make property in the wild land urban interface more fire resistant.
- Item 132 Insurance for Lateral Sewer Lines – to study whether local government and sewer districts provide insurance to homeowners for lateral sewer lines.
- Item 134 Local Government Development Rights Transfer – to study whether to allow a municipality and county to enter into an agreement to allow the transfer of development rights between their respective jurisdictions.
- Item 138 Electrical Grid – to study what Utah has done to protect its electrical grid and examine the work that has been done in other states to see if any of these approaches should be implemented in Utah.
- Item 141 Geographic Systems and Technologies – to study geographic information systems and digital mapping technology.
- Item 143 Independent Energy Producers – to study issues related to independent energy producers.
- Item 147 Utility Conservation – to study incentives that can be provided to utility companies to encourage conservation by their customers.
- Item 148 Centrally Assessed Taxes – to study issues related to centrally assessed taxes.
- Item 159 Local Option Sales Tax Distribution – to study whether to adjust the local option sales tax distribution to 100% point of delivery of sale.
- Item 161 Payment Method for Water – to study whether to move Utah’s payment for water from a property tax to a user fee.
- Item 162 To study issues related to property taxes.
- Item 163 Property Tax Cap Changes – to study the effect of changes to current caps on property taxes for education funding.
- Item 164 Property Tax Exemption – to study and review all property tax exemptions.
- Item 165 Property taxes and Water rates – to study whether to lower property taxes and replace the taxes with water fee increases.
- Item 166 Public Debt Assessment – to study whether to assess the amount of public debt under Utah Constitution, Article XIV
- Item 167 Sales Tax – to study issues related to sales taxes.
- Item 168 Sales Tax Exemptions – to study and review all sales tax exemptions.
- Item 169 Sales Tax on Business Inputs – to study issues related to the sales tax on business inputs.



- Item 171 Tax Code Changes – to study simplifying the tax code, eliminating tax credits, and reducing tax rates.
- Item 176 Truth in Taxation – to study whether to adjust Truth in Taxation to allow for Consumer Price Index adjustments.
- Item 178 Employment After Retirement – to study methods to allow certain postretirement employment.
- Item 180 Phased-Retirement – to study potential policies and costs related to phases-retirement in the Utah Retirement Systems, including options that may allow for a gradual reduction in an employee’s work arrangement while receiving part of a retirement allowance as a transition toward retirement.
- Item 181 Police and Fire Benefits – to study retroactive line of duty benefits for police and fire employees.
- Item 182 Postretirement Employment – to study issues related to postretirement employment.
- Item 183 Postretirement Reemployment – to study the actuarial costs and fiscal impacts to the Utah Retirement Systems of postretirement reemployment under the current restrictions and to study options and costs for revising Utah law on postretirement reemployment.
- Item 184 Public Employee Wellness Plan – to study ways to encourage employees to have and maintain a relationship with a primary care provider.
- Item 185 Retirement Contribution Rates – to study and receive a presentation on preliminary retirement contribution rates.
- Item 186 Utah Retirement Systems Benefits Claims – to study statutes of limitations for benefits claims in the Utah Retirement Systems.
- Item 187 Utah Retirement Systems Modifications – to study and review annual Utah Retirement Systems modifications, including technical amendments.
- Item 188 Utah Retirement Systems Overview – to study and overview of systems, plans, and actuarial information.
- Item 189 Air Traffic in Residential Areas – to study ability of the state to limit or restrict non-emergency air traffic over residential areas.
- Item 190 Fuel Taxes – to study issues related to fuel taxes.
- Item 191 Ground Transportation Services – to study the regulation of ground transportation businesses and ground transportation vehicles, including licensing, insurance, and background check requirements.
- Item 194 Railroad Crossings – to study issues related to safety at railroad crossings.
- Item 195 Railroad Revisions – to study whether to prohibit certain railroads from operating a freight train on light engine used in connection with the movement of freight unless the freight train or light engine has a crew consisting of at least two individuals.
- Item 197 Sales Tax Earmarks for Transportation – to study ways to simplify the sales tax earmarks for transportation funding.
- Item 201 Fiscal Notes – to study whether the Legislature should use dynamic scoring on fiscal notes.
- Item 206 Work Zone Noise – to study nighttime work zone noise.