

# INTERIM COMMITTEES

## **Legislative Commission:**

The Legislative Commission supervises the Legislative Counsel Bureau. The Commission also takes actions on behalf of the legislative branch of government when the full Legislature is not in session. This body meets every few months between sessions to provide guidance to staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and to deal with other interim matters, including interim committees and the approval of proposed permanent regulations.

**Membership:** The Commission is a body of 12 legislators, six from each House. The members will be appointed by resolution near the end of session. The Chair rotates between the Houses and is in the Senate this interim. The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected at a meeting of the newly appointed Legislative Commission at the end of session.

## **Interim Finance Committee:**

The Interim Finance Committee is the fiscal branch of the Legislature during the interim. It reviews and approves work program revisions and contingency fund allocations, as well as other budgetary matters assigned to the committee.

**Membership:** The Committee consists of the members of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance from the preceding (or current) session. The chair rotates between the Houses at the beginning of each session and is in the Assembly this session and interim (Assemblywoman Smith).

## **Current Structure of Interim Committees:**

In addition to the Legislative Commission and the Interim Finance Committee, there are a number of "statutory" committees; that is, committees that are created by statute and therefore continue from session to session. The Legislature also directs a number of interim studies, usually three designated by each House. The committees formed to conduct these studies are similar to statutory committees but only exist for the interim between sessions – once they have finished their studies, the committees no longer exist. Attached is a copy of the page from our website listing statutory committees and the interim studies from last interim.

## **Proposal:**

All statutory committees except the Legislative Commission, the Interim Finance Committee and a couple of special-purpose committees would be repealed. In their place, joint

interim standing committees would be created that parallel the standing committees during session: Judiciary, Government Affairs, etc. Five Assembly members and three Senate members would be appointed to each committee, along with three Assembly alternates and two Senate alternates. In addition to replacing the statutory committees, the joint interim standing committees would conduct interim studies directed by the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.

**Process:**

Shortly after session, a master list of interim studies, statutory committees, and other committees to which legislators are appointed is compiled. Legislators are then asked to indicate the committees to which they would like to be appointed. Most of the appointments are made by the Legislative Commission or legislative leadership – in general, all are made at the same time (in August or September following session) so that leadership can balance the workload among those legislators interested in serving on interim committees. The attached list of interim committees also indicates the “non-legislative committees” to which legislators may be appointed (or which are appointed by the Legislature).

# 2009-2010 Interim

## Interim Committees

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- Interim Finance Committee
- Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee for Federal Stimulus Oversight
- Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure
- Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure Working Group to Review Nominations for the Nevada Vision Stakeholder Group
- Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Conduct a Review of Nevada's Revenue Structure Working Group to Review Responses to the Request for Proposal
- Interim Finance Committee's Subcommittee to Review Public Works Board Matters
- Nevada Vision Stakeholder Group
- Legislative Commission
- Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review the U. S. Department of Labor's Report on the Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Program
- Legislative Commission's Budget Subcommittee

## Statutory Committees

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- Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice
- Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice Steering Committee
- Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice's Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice
- Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice's Subcommittee on the Reclassification of Crimes
- Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice's Subcommittee on Victims of Crime
- Commission on Special License Plates
- Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste
- Committee on Industrial Programs
- Committee to Consult with the Director
- Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee
- Legislative Commission's Audit Subcommittee
- Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations
- Legislative Committee for the Fundamental Review of the Base Budgets of State Agencies

- Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System
- Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice
- Legislative Committee on Education
- Legislative Committee on Health Care
- Legislative Committee on Public Lands
- Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs
- Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission

## **Interim Studies**

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- Development and Promotion of Logistics and Distribution Centers and Issues Concerning Infrastructure and Transportation
- Employee Misclassification
- Governance and Oversight of the System of K-12 Public Education
- Group Homes
- Powers Delegated to Local Governments
- Production and Use of Energy
- Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting

## **Non-Legislative Committees**

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- Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health
- Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in Northern Nevada
- Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in Southern Nevada
- Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Treatment of Stroke and Heart Disease
- Advisory Committee on Nevada Criminal Justice Information Sharing
- Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration
- Advisory Council on Mortgage Investments and Mortgage Lending
- Advisory Council on Parental Involvement
- Advisory Council on the State Program for Fitness and Wellness
- Commission on Educational Technology
- Commission on Ethics
- Commission on Nuclear Projects
- Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools
- Education Commission of the States

- Gaming Policy Committee
- Governing Body of a University School for Profoundly Gifted Pupils
- Governor's Workforce Investment Board
- Information Technology Advisory Board
- Interim Technical Advisory Committee for Intergovernmental Relations
- National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
- Nevada Academy of Health
- Nevada AIDS Advisory Task Force
- Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway
- Nevada Commission on Aging
- Nevada Commission on Homeland Security
- Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs
- Nevada Commission on Sports
- Nevada Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council
- Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum
- Nevada State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision
- Nevada State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision
- Nevada State Rehabilitation Council
- Nevada Veterans' Services Commission
- P-16 Advisory Council
- Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board
- State Council for the Coordination of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- State of Nevada Economic Forum
- State Public Works Board
- Technological Crime Advisory Board
- Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Legislative Advisory Committee