

## Membership and Voting Options—Joint Interim Committees

The following would apply to certain policy committees meeting during the interim and staffed by the Legislative Counsel Bureau. This proposal does NOT include the Interim Finance Committee, the Economic Forum, the Legislative Commission, and all the statutory committees and subcommittees affiliated with those entities:

- With the exceptions noted above, abolish all statutory committees and replace with Joint Interim Committees that parallel the jurisdiction of the session standing committees.
- Topics (established through legislation) would be assigned to those committees to handle as a whole or through a subcommittee during the interim.
- In some cases (e.g., Health Care and Education), duties of the existing statutory committees could be assigned all or in part to the new joint committees.

### MEMBERSHIP

Each Joint Interim Committee would consist of 8 members appointed by the Legislative Commission and drawn from the parallel session standing committees—**5 Assembly members and 3 Senate members**. The Commission could also consider appointing members serving on topic-related subcommittees of the two budget committees. Alternates may be appointed and would be selected in the same manner. The Commission selects the Chair and Vice Chair, and these positions alternate between the houses each biennium.

### QUORUM AND VOTING

Five members of a Joint Interim Committee constitute a quorum, and any recommended legislation must be approved by a majority of the Senate members and a majority of the Assembly members (2 Senators, 3 Assemblymen). Other actions may be taken by a majority present.

### ASSUMPTIONS AND COST ESTIMATE

This model assumes 9 committees conducting 5 meetings, with Natural Resources also having two permanent subcommittees (Public Lands and Tahoe/Marlette, meeting with 6 members, 4 times each, in addition to the 5 given to Natural Resources). Just for estimating legislator salaries, the following table lists comparative costs between the current model and the Joint Interim Committee Model:

	<b>A</b> Number of Committees	<b>B</b> Avg. No. Members	<b>C</b> Total Meetings	<b>Column B x C</b> Legislator Days Paid
Current Model	19 Active Committees	5.74	72	413.28
Proposed Model	9 + 2 subcommittees	7.63	53	404.39

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#### JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON...

**COMMERCE AND LABOR**  
(Senate C&L + Senate Energy  
+ Assembly C&L)

**EDUCATION**  
(Senate H&E + Assembly Ed)

**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**  
(Senate Govt Affairs + Assembly  
Govt Affairs)

**HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES**  
(Senate H&E + Assembly H&HS)

**JUDICIARY** (Senate Judiciary +  
Assembly Judiciary)

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND  
ELECTIONS** (Senate LO&E +  
Assembly EPE&CA)

**NATURAL RESOURCES**  
(Senate NR + Assembly NR)

**TAXATION**  
(Senate Tax + Assembly Tax)

**TRANSPORTATION**  
(Senate Trans + Assembly Trans)

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