

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee

Master Study Item List | May 18, 2022

Federal De-carbonization Policy. Study the possible impacts of federal decarbonization policy on the affordability, reliability, economic development, and independence of Utah.

HB 281 Transplants of Wildlife Amendments. The House standing committee voted to send this item to interim for further study.

Potential New State Park. Study the feasibility of creating a state park along the Oquirrh Mountains.

Access to Water. Study issues surrounding water supply and access, including access to water service during emergencies (e.g., wildfires).

Wildfire Issues. Study wildfire ignitions and fire suppression efforts, including how to assist communities in the wildland-urban interface to reduce wildfire risks and lessons learns from the Marshall fire in Colorado.

Wildlife Code Recodification. The 2021 NAE interim committee voted in November to approve staff to work on the possible recodification of the Wildlife Code immediately following the 2022 General Session.

Regional Water Strategy. Study creating a regionalized plan for water use and how to measure the effect/progress of legislative efforts to improve water use efficiency and increase flows into the Great Salt Lake.

State Fair Park Master Plan. Report from the State Fair Park Board regarding their master plan and possible Legislative action required.

Department of Agriculture and Food Restructure. Study the structure of the Department of Agriculture and Food to consider adding a second deputy director and dividing divisions under two deputies. This would allow the Commissioner to be more available.

Reduction of Outdoor Water Use on State Properties. Study the need to further address the use of outdoor water use on state properties. HB 121 (Spendlove, 2022 General Session) enacted some limitations on outdoor water use on government facilities, but the Interim committee would study further restrictions and directions to improve water use efficiency on state properties.

Liability Protection for Canal Companies. Review certain liability protections for canal companies, including protection for "acts of God."

Saline Aquifers. Study how to incentivize the retrieval of water from deep saline aquifers and how to purify that water.

State Park Fees. Study the structure and use of fees charged by Utah's state parks.

Outdoor Adventure Commission. Receive a report on the Commission's strategic planning related to the state's outdoor recreation opportunities.