

2023 BOARD OF HEALTH FACT SHEET

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

- N.R.S. 71-2601 through 71-2611 (Revised July 1, 2007).

MEMBERSHIP and MEETINGS:

- 17 members appointed by the Governor for five year terms. Members appointed in 2023: None. Current vacancy: Mental Health representative, Osteopathic Physician, Physician. Members serving on expired terms: Diane Jackson, APRN, John Kuehn, DVM, Dan Rosenthal, PE, Joshua Vest, DPM.
- 2023 Officers: Chair Dr. Doug Vander Broek, Vice Chair Bud Synhorst, and Secretary David Reese.
- Meetings are generally held the fourth Monday in January, and the third Mondays of March, June, September, and November. There were 5 regular and 1 special meeting held in 2023.
- 2024 meeting dates: January 22, March 11, June 10, September 16, and November 18.

PROFESSIONAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- In 2023 there were 51 applicants; 39 interviews conducted; and 31 members appointed or reappointed to 17 different professional boards. There are 27 professional boards in total including the newly created Board of Behavioral Analysts.
- There were 8 positions that we were unable to fill. With those, we have 60 planned for 2024.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- There were 36 regulations submitted for approval in 2023. Many of the updates were required due to Uniform Credentialing Act updates and reducing duplicative language.

CREDENTIALING REVIEW:

- Completed the reviews on Pharmacy Technicians, Anesthesiologist Assistants, Optometry. One review is in progress: Hearing Care Professionals.
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Credentialing-Review.aspx>

PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION & LEGISLATION:

- Researched initiatives to develop position statements and prepare news articles, including their position on gender affirming care for transgender youth.
- Received regular presentations by the DHHS Chief Medical Officer, Director of Public Health, State Epidemiologist and the Legislative Liaison. Healthcare Workforce Issues and LB503.
- Tom Skutt from DHHS Legal attended two meetings to present on Public Records laws.

REVIEW PANEL:

- There is an ad hoc committee to address the potential removal of professional board members for cause, in accordance with 184 NAC Ch. 6. There was no need to meet in 2023.

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State Board of Health Public Roster Current as of 12/5/2023

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Telephone & Email Address</u>	<u>Committees / Board Office</u>	<u>Eff Date of 1st Term</u>	<u>Current Term Exp</u>
Heather Cramer, RN 17544 Adams St Omaha, NE 68135	402/670-2011 jhcramer@yahoo.com	Nurse Credentialing Review Rules & Regulations (<i>Secretary Elect 2024</i>)	8/15/2022	8/1/2024
Russell Crotty, OD 1101 17 th Street Auburn, NE 68305	402/274-3218 rusty.crotty@gmail.com	Optometrist Professional Boards Vice Chair Public Health, Education & Legislation	12/21/2020	8/1/2025
Jaime Dodge, MD, 4424 S. 86 th St Lincoln, NE 68526	402/483-2987 jkdodge@me.com	Physician Public Health, Education & Legislation Rules & Regulations	8/15/2022	8/1/2025
Diane Jackson, APRN-FNP Kearney County Health Services 727 E. 1 st Street Minden, NE 68959	402/746-0172 dkjacksonaprn@gmail.com	Nurse Professional Boards Chair Credentialing Review	8/31/2010	8/1/2020
Michael Kotopka, DDS 1030 Aldrich Road Lincoln, NE 68510	402/420-2222 mikekotopka@gmail.com	Dentist Professional Boards Rules & Regulations	12/21/2020	8/1/2025
John Kuehn, DVM 1101 43 Road Hartwell, NE 68935	308/830-1514 drjohndvm@icloud.com	Veterinarian PHEL Chair Credentialing Review	2/14/2020	8/1/2023
Donald Ostdiek, DPT 3407 S 84 th St Omaha, NE 68124	402/630-1358 donaldostdiek@gmail.com	Physical Therapist Public Health, Education & Legislation Rules & Regulations	2/8/2021	8/1/2025
Mark Patefield, PharmD 717 Cedar Avenue Laurel, NE 68745	402/518-0182 markpatefield@hotmail.com	Pharmacist Professional Boards Public Health, Education & Legislation	12/21/2020	8/1/2025
David Reese, MHA 1600 South 48 th St Lincoln, NE 68506	402/481-8967 david.reese@bryanhealth.org	Hospital Admin Secretary (<i>Chair Elect for 2024</i>)	2/8/2021	8/1/2025
Daniel Rosenthal, PE 601 Old Cheney Road, Suite A Lincoln, NE 68512	402/484-7342 dan@regaeng.com	Engineer Credentialing Review Chair Professional Boards	2/14/2020	8/1/2023
Robert (Bud) Synhorst 620 N 48 th St, Ste 205 Lincoln, NE 68504	402/310-3120 bud@liba.org	Public Member Vice Chair	12/21/2020	8/1/2025
Douglas Vander Broek, DC 6511 Shenandoah Dr. Lincoln, NE 68510	402/413-5552 dougvanderbroek@gmail.com	Chiropractor Chair	3/6/2015	8/1/2025

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Public Member 12/21/2020 8/1/2025
Professional Boards
Rules & Regs Chair (*Vice Chair Elect 2024*)

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Podiatrist 8/1/2013 8/1/2023
Rules & Regs Vice Chair
Credentialing Review

Vacant/Expired positions: Mental Health (Palmer 8/1/23); Nurse (Jackson, 8/1/20); Physician (Tesmer 8/1/24),
Osteopathic Physician (Bauer 8/1/24); Podiatrist (Vest 8/1/23)

Staff:

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To: Members of the Nebraska State Board of Health
From: Diane Jackson, APRN-FNP, Chair, Professional Boards Committee
Subject: 2023 Annual Report of the Professional Boards Committee of the
Nebraska State Board of Health
Date: November 13, 2023

Committee Members:

PROFESSIONAL BOARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Diane Jackson, APRN; (Chair); Russ Crotty, OD (Vice Chair); Jaime Dodge, MD; Mike Kotopka, DDS; Mark Patefield, PharmD; Dan Rosenthal, PE; and Dan Vehle.

OFFICERS: Doug Vander Broek, DC; (Chair); Robert (Bud) Synhorst (Vice Chair); and David Reese (Secretary).

STAFF: Monica Gissler

Committee Duties and Responsibilities:

In November 2023, the current Committee Chair and members established the following committee goals for 2024:

1. Continue to work with professional organizations to increase the pool of qualified applicants for positions. Urge organizations to nominate at least three members for consideration.
2. Utilize the prescreening process again to make the best use of our interview times.
3. Continue to build and utilize the data base of professional board applicants who were excellent candidates, but for various reasons were not appointed to the positions they were seeking. Continue to develop and use protocol for notification, content of the letter or to be handled on an individual basis based upon the Professional Board recommendations. These applicants should receive consideration for the Credentialing Review Pool or PREP.
4. Utilize the peer evaluation process for incumbents for the 2024 interviews and develop a method of obtaining feedback from board members and staff about the process.
5. Improve upon and continue to use more efficient electronic means of processing application forms.
6. Formalize and continue the process of inviting professional board chairpersons to meet with the Committee and discuss how their board functions and any concerns or issues they have that the Board of Health might address. Increase the number of board members maintaining contact with the assigned professional boards to enhance communication and clarify BOH members function at professional board meetings. Discuss possibilities for consolidation or mergers of boards.
7. Develop guidelines for the appointment of individuals who wish to serve concurrently on more a Professional Board as well as the Credentialing Review Pool.
8. Further define the role of the committee in mediating issues with professional board members.

The Professional Boards Committee adopted these same goals for 2024.

Board vacancy information: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Board-Requirements-and-Vacancies.aspx>

Activities for 2023:

January: Conducted 2 interviews and recommended the following appointments:

Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
Sean Kenney, MD, of Lincoln, appointed as a physician member

Board of Mental Health Practice
Renea Gernant, PhD, of Seward, appointed as public member

March: They reviewed one application in the morning, and recommend the following appointment:

Physician Assistant Committee: Recommend Rachel Blake, MD for the Board of Medicine and Surgery member for the term March 20, 2023 through November 30, 2025.

Ms. Jackson reported that she attended the January 30, 2023 Nebraska Center for Nursing meeting, via Webex, and the January 31, 2023 Board of Occupational Therapy meeting.

June meeting: They reviewed two applications in the morning, and recommend the following appointment:

Board of Nursing:

Recommend Kathy Harrison, EdD, MSN, RN, from North Platte, for the Associate or Diploma Nurse Educator member for the term through November 30, 2024.

Recommend Adrienne Olson, DNP, RN, FACHE, from Roca, for the Nursing Service Administrator member for the term through November 30, 2023.

Ms. Cramer attended the April 13, 2023 Board of Nursing meeting.

August: Committee Chair and staff prescreened applications. Another news release was issued for all positions for which there were no applications received.

September: They conducted 29 interviews on Sunday at Bryan Medical Center East and three on Monday morning and recommend the following appointments. Most terms are for December 1, 2023-November 30, 2028.

Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
* Amy Eigenberg, LIMHP, LADC, MAC, SAP from Kearney for the ADC position
Anthony Veronee, PLMHP, LADC from Grand Island for the Psych or Mental Health position

Board of Cosmetology
Keri Fisher from North Platte for the Cosmetologist position

Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists

Nikki Kopetzky, AuD, HIS from Omaha for the Audiologist position

Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy

David Freestone, DO from Omaha for the Physician position

Board of Medical Radiography

Anita Menousek, LMRT from Omaha reappointed to the Limited Medical Radiographer position

Board of Medicine and Surgery

Jodanne Hedrick, DO from Omaha reappointed for the Osteopathic Physician position

Wesley Zeger, DO from Omaha for the Medical School Faculty position

Board of Mental Health Practice

Amanda Milander-Mace, LIMHP, CPC, LMHP from Norfolk for the Professional Counselor position

Renea Gernant, PhD, from Louisville reappointed for the Public position

Board of Nursing

Angela Kula, LPN from Elkhorn reappointed for the LPN position

Clay Jordan, BSN, RN, NRP from Cambridge appointed for the Nursing Service Administrator position

Board of Nursing Home Administration

Gary Anthone, MD from Omaha for the Physician position

Tammy Deemer, RN-BC, LNHA from Fremont for the Registered Nurse position

Linda Bryant from Panama reappointed to the Public position

Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Mary Walsh-Sterup, OTR/L, CHT from Hastings reappointed to the OT position

Board of Pharmacy

Sabrina Beck, PharmD, RP from Omaha reappointed to the Pharmacist (Hospital) position

Board of Psychology

Connie Petersen, PhD from Hoskins reappointed to the Psychologist position

Public Members

Mary Guthrie from Lincoln appointed to the Public position on the Board of Nursing

Tomeka Johnson from Omaha appointed to the Public position on the Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists

Jules Russ from Lincoln appointed to the Public position on the Board of Nursing

Scott Stocking, MDiv from Omaha appointed to the vacant Public position on the Board of Mental Health Practice

An updated press release went out reflecting the remaining vacancies for which there were no applicants.

Reviewed proposed requirements and timelines for creating the new Board of Behavior Analysts.

Reviewed changes to the Board of Medical Nutrition Therapists based on LB227.

November: Conducted three interviews and recommended the following appointments:

Board of Behavior Analysts:

Kyle Dawson, MA, BCBA, from Omaha for the term November 13, 2023-November 30, 2028

Mandi Reinders, Public Member, from Bellevue for the term November 13, 2023-November 30, 2028

There are a few positions for which there were no applicants. These will roll over to 2024.

There are 60 planned professional board vacancies in 2024.

To: Members of the Nebraska State Board of Health
From: Dan Vehle, Chairperson of the Rules and Regulations Committee
Subject: Rules and Regulations Committee Annual Report for 2023
Date: November 13, 2023

The State Board of Health is required by law to consider all rules and regulations of the DHHS Division of Public Health. Professional and occupational credentialing regulations must be adopted (or “approved”) by the Board. Other regulations of the Division of Public Health must be advised upon (or “reviewed”) by the Board.

To enhance discussion and improve efficiency of Board meetings, all Public Health regulations come before the Board’s Rules and Regulations Committee prior to the meeting of the full Board. Proposed regulations are posted on the Secretary of State’s website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DHHS-Regulations.aspx>

For most of 2023 Rules and Regulations Committee members were:

Doug Bauer, DO
Heather Cramer, RN
Jaime Dodge, MD
Mike Kotopka, DDS
Don Ostdiek, DPT
Dan Vehle, Public Member, Committee Chair
Joshua Vest, DPM, Committee Vice Chair

Staff support for the Rules and Regulations Committee is provided by Monica Gissler.

Staff worked hard to create and revise over 37 sets of regulations to reduce duplication and comply with new mandates, with several more in process. We continue to monitor movement of draft regulations through the process and attend public hearings.

Regulations reviewed and approved in 2023:

January:

- Title 172 NAC 11 – Licensure of Out of Hospital Emergency Care Providers
- Title 172 NAC 12 – Licensure of Emergency Medical Services
- Title 172 NAC 13 – Licensure of EMS Training Agency
- Title 172 NAC 61 – Medical Nutrition Therapists
- Title 172 NAC 155 – Psychology Licenses
- Title 180 NAC 5 – Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiographic Operations
- Title 180 NAC 7 – Medical Use of Radioactive Material
- Title 180 NAC 14 – Radiation Safety Requirements for Well Logging & Subsurface Tracer Studies
- Title 180 NAC 18 – Fees for Certificates of Registration, Radioactive, Material(s) Licenses, Environmental Surveillance, Emergency Response and Other Regulatory Services
- Title 180 NAC 19 – Licenses & Radiation Safety Requirements for Irradiators

March:

- 172 NAC 1 Rules of Practice and Procedure Governing Reinstatement of a Health Professional License
- 172 NAC 131 – Wholesale Drug Distributors
- 172 NAC 134 – Delegated Dispensing Permits
- 173 NAC 7 – School Health Screening, Physical Examination, and Visual Evaluation
- 180 NAC 11 – Requirements for Radon and Radon Progeny Measurement and Mitigation Services
- 184 NAC 1 – Rules of Practice and Procedure for Division of Public Health Administrative Hearings
- 184 NAC 2 – Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Department of Health for Declaratory Orders
- 184 NAC 3 – Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Department of Health for Petitions for Promulgation, Amendment, or Repeal of Regulations
- 184 NAC 4 – Rules of Practice and Procedure for Petitions for Negotiated Rulemaking
- 184 NAC 5 – Rules and Regulations Governing Negotiated Rulemaking Committees
- 184 NAC 6 – Removal of Appointed Board Members by the State Board of Health

June:

- 175 NAC 3 – Rules and regulations for Centers for the Developmentally Disabled
- 175 NAC 5 – Rules and Regulations for Adult Day Services
- 175 NAC 6 – Rules and Regulations for Children’s Day Health Services
- 175 NAC 7 – Rules and Regulations for Health Clinics
- 175 NAC 18 and 19 – Mental Health Substance Use Facilities

September:

- 175 NAC 9, Hospitals
- 175 NAC 13, Approval of Training Nurse Assist & Care Staff
- 175 NAC 14, Home Health Agencies
- 175 NAC 15, Respite Care Services
- 175 NAC 16, Hospice Services
- 175 NAC 17, Intermediate Care Facilities

November:

- Title 172 NAC 53 – Unlicensed Dental Assistants and the Licensure of Dental Assistants
- Title 172 NAC 56 – Licensure of Dentists; Minimal, Moderate, or General Anesthesia / Deep Sedation
- Title 172 NAC 57 – Licensure of Dental Hygienists
- Title 172 NAC 58 – Dental Faculty Licenses

Goals for 2024

The Rules and Regulations Committee will consider all regulations of the DHHS Division of Public Health prior to their presentation to the Board of Health, with adequate time to make recommendations.

This will include consideration for approval of additional professional and occupational credentialing regulations under the Uniform Credentialing Act (UCA).

The Committee will also continue to review all other regulations of the Division of Public Health. This will include program regulations of the following units of the Division:

- Community and Rural Health Planning
- Epidemiology and Informatics
- Environmental Health
- Health Promotion
- Lifespan Health Services

Special meetings will be scheduled as necessary to keep the regulations process moving.

To: Members of the Nebraska State Board of Health
From: Dan Rosenthal, Chairperson of the Credentialing Review Committee
Subject: Credentialing Review Committee Annual Report for 2023
Date: November 13, 2023

Committee Duties and Responsibilities for 2023:

The 2023 assignment was to continue to work toward improving the efficiency of the Credentialing Review Program, to assist the full Board with any new credentialing reviews that arise, and to assist the full Board in appointing new members to the two credentialing review pools, as indicated.

Current Committee Members:

Dan Rosenthal, PE (Chair); Douglas Vander Broek, DC (Vice Chair); Diane Jackson, APRN-FNP; Joshua Vest, DPM; John Kuehn, DVM; David Reese; Heather Cramer, RN

Staff: Ron Briel, Matt Gelvin

Goals for 2023 were as follows:

- 1) Advise the full Board regarding proposals for either change in scope of practice or new credentialing,
- 2) Continue to work towards improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Credentialing Review Program, and,
- 3) Advise the Board regarding which Board members would be appropriate as chairpersons of technical review committees.
- 4) Advise the Board regarding new member appointments to the two credentialing review pools, as indicated.

Activities for 2023 were as follows:

During their March 2023 meeting the members of the Board's Credentialing Review Committee reviewed the Anesthesiology Assistants proposal for change in scope of practice, recommending against approval of this proposal. The members of the full Board of Health also recommended against approval of this proposal during the afternoon session.

During their June 2023 meeting the members of the Board's Credentialing Review Committee provided their advice to the Director of Public Health regarding the appointment of the members of the Hearing Care Professionals Technical Review Committee. The members of the full Board approved this advice.

During their November 2023 meeting the members of the Board's Credentialing Review Committee approved their committee's annual report.

Committee Duties and Responsibilities for 2024:

The 2024 assignment is to continue to work toward improving the efficiency of the Credentialing Review Program, to assist the full Board with any new credentialing reviews that arise, and to assist the full Board in appointing new members to the two credentialing review pools, as indicated.

Goals for 2024 are as follows:

- 1) Advise the full Board regarding proposals for either change in scope of practice or new credentialing,
- 2) Continue to work towards improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Credentialing Review Program, and,
- 3) Advise the Board regarding which Board members would be appropriate as chairpersons of technical review committees.
- 4) Advise the Board regarding new member appointments to the two credentialing review pools, as indicated.

Activities for 2024 are to be as follows:

The 2024 assignment is to improve the clarity of the wording of the Credentialing Review Criteria pursuant to the inclusion of such improved wording into a legislative proposal that would replace the current wording of these criteria in the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act.

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To: Members of the Nebraska State Board of Health
From: John Kuehn, DVM, Committee Chair
Subject: 2023 Report of the Public Health, Education and Legislation Committee of the
Nebraska State Board of Health
Date: November 13, 2023

Committee Members:

John Kuehn, DVM (Chair); Mark Patefield, PharmD (Vice Chair); Jaime Dodge, MD; Donald Ostdiek, DPT.

OFFICERS: Doug Vander Broek, DC (Board Chair); Bud Synhorst (Vice Chair); and David Reese (Secretary)

STAFF: Monica Gissler

Committee Duties and Responsibilities:

The Public Health, Education, and Legislation (PHEL) Committee met via conference call one time during 2023 and in person five times. Their objective is to identify and promote public education and legislation to enhance the health, mental health, and living environment of all residents of Nebraska.

Committee Objectives for 2024:

- ✓ Inform and educate about selected health programs in Nebraska that promote public health and the prevention of health and behavioral health problems. Areas of interest include Environmental issues, and Communication/Representation by Board members.
- ✓ Find effective methods to actively monitor and impact introduced legislation via electronic and other safe means during a pandemic.
- ✓ Develop BOH position statements directed toward public health issues that affect Nebraskans.
- ✓ Advocate for and actively support proposed legislation that enhances health of Nebraskan's citizens, including opportunities for the education and development of health care professionals, especially in underserved areas in Nebraska.
- ✓ Collaborate with DHHS to get public health initiatives out. Work with Chief Medical Officer.
- ✓ Plan retreats and provide program content for special meetings of the Board of Health.
- ✓ Cooperate with district health departments and other public health entities to promote issues.
- ✓ Nominate public health programs that have worked to improve the lives of Nebraskans.

Activities in 2023:

January:

- There was a PHEL Committee conference call on January 13, 2023 to review introduced legislative bills.
- On January 17, 2023, the PHEL Committee recommended 12 introduced bills from Days 1-8 that are of interest to the Board of Health.

LB	Sponsor	Committee & Hearing date	BOH Liaison	Content & Amendments
16	Briese	GOV 2/9/23	Kuehn	Require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction and make a determination regarding an applicant with a criminal conviction, provide for jurisprudential exams and appeals from denial of a license, and change requirements... Electrical Board.
22	Wayne	Judiciary 2/9/23	Kuehn	Decriminalize use and possession of marijuana.
91	B Hansen	Trans & Tel 1/24/23	Tessmer	Change motorcycle, moped, and autocycle helmet and eye protection provisions
123	Fredrickson	HHS 1/26/23	Gissler	Adopt the Behavior Analyst Practice Act.
181	B Hansen Hunt	HHS 2/1/23	Patefield	Provide for filling and refilling prescriptions in certain circumstances
189	Kauth	HHS 2/2/23	Gissler	Change and provide exemptions for natural hair braiding and natural hairstyling
200	Briese	HHS 1/25/23	Patefield	Adopt the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Act
202	Walz	HHS 1/26/23	Patefield	Provide for vaccine administration by pharmacy technicians
216	Hughes	HHS 1/26/23		Provide certification requirements for optometrists performing certain procedures
261	Riepe	HHS 2/1/23	Kuehn	Change apprenticeship requirements under Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act
280	Blood	HHS 2/2/23	Kuehn	Adopt the Interstate Massage Compact
458	Ballard Hardin	HHS 2/9/23	Patefield	Allow certain central fill pharmacies to deliver to a patient under the Prescription Drug Safety Act

- There was a special meeting of the Board of Health on January 19, 2023 to discuss legislative bills introduced on Days 9-10. Four more legislative bills were referred to the full Board of Health, making 16 bills a priority for the Board of Health to take action on by submitting online comments.
- The marijuana Op Ed was submitted to the Legislature.
- Dr. Kuehn encouraged all Board of Health members to read through the introduced bill LB810 to Adopt the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act, even though the Board of Health will not take a position on this bill.

LB	Sponsor	Committee & Hearing date	BOH Liaison	Content & Amendments
561	Blood Hunt	HHS 2/3/23	Kuehn	Adopt the Cosmetology Licensure Compact
588	Wishart	Judiciary 2/9/23	Kuehn	Adopt the Medicinal Cannabis Act
626	Albrecht	HHS 2/1-2/23	Ostdiek	Adopt the Nebraska Heartbeat Act. Several motions for IPP have failed.
668	Aguilar	Judiciary	Jackson/ Bauer	Authorize mental health professionals and practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody and provide for a training and certification process

March:

- LB 574 The Let Them Grow Act was discussed. After robust discussion, a draft statement regarding irreversible gender affirming care for transgender youth introduced by Dr. Dodge was approved, and later attached to the meeting minutes.

June:

- Reviewed final actions of the Legislature this session.
- Caryn Vincent spoke at the morning committee meeting about responsibilities of DHHS staff versus the Board of Health members.
- Dr. Kuehn will invite Senator Ben Hansen to a fall Board of Health meeting.

September:

- All members of the PHEL Committee were absent this meeting, so there was not a committee meeting. Senator Ben Hansen was scheduled to attend, but was deferred to a future meeting.
- Nicole Barrett, JD, Director of Legislative Services reported on the Interim Studies.

November:

- There was discussion about changes to staff support for this committee.

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