

Results of SB 310 Meeting  
May 29, 2019

Goal: Strengthening the Legislature and Legislative Relationships - Year-round presence of the Legislature

Steering Committee

LFC: Rep. Ryan, Sen. Osmundson, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Sesso, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Holmlund  
LC: Rep. Galt, Sen. Pomnichowski, Rep. Abbott, Sen. MacDonald, Sen. Thomas

### 1. Budget & Policy

- Ensure that multiple committees hold joint or overlapping meetings on shared topics (eg. of a 2-day meeting, meet for 1 morning jointly)
- How to get cross-pollination in budget and policy
- Integrate standing committees and budget committees during session
- Committee assignments to purposely integrate members on budget and interim committees
- Define best practices (on appointments) to present to leadership
- Schedule a 2-hour meeting once a week for joint discussion between related joint subcommittee and standing committee members. (Eg. In 2013, the Joint Subcommittee on Education and the House Education Committee met twice a week over the noon hour.)
- Agency and Bill updates at every other interim committee meeting to follow up re: legislative intent.

### 2. Timeline

- Compression of time - Allow (new) legislators to work on committees in even-year before session starts. May require a decompressed timeline and should be considered as annual sessions are discussed.
- # of bills
- Move session to even-numbered years
- Between election and session, meet on budget
- Interim processes (TX, ND) between sessions
- Can change shape of interim - typically study-based, concentrate more on legislative work to try to pre-empt some session work
- How to organize joint meetings of related budget-centric and policy-centric committees.
- Manage the calendar - elongate 90 days, not 6-day week, more deliberate pacing of work, could divide in 2 sessions, be more nimble, convert the calendar.

### 3. Training

- Bills - implementation, rules - follow-thru to ensure legislative intent, agency/budget updates every other meeting. Deliberate on assigning bills, members to budget and policy each time.

**Information requested:** What work is done before session in other states? The current practice of having joint subcommittees in the morning to break for lunch and floor sessions breaks the attention of the members. Suggestion to consider joint subcommittees working all day to involve more people.

[Annual] budget process in other states. How to manage volatility.

Zero base 2 agencies each session and start over.

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