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STUDY ASSIGNMENT: The Special Committee is directed to study and make recommendations to promote strategic development of high-wage jobs and an educated and skilled workforce in the state by doing the following: (a) examining methods to promote green jobs and industries utilizing solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass technologies, including technologies for converting farm wastes to energy. In this examination, analyze current and potential incentives to encourage investment in research, development, commercialization, and use of these technologies and the development and retention of an educated and skilled workforce in these industries; (b) identifying industry and knowledge sectors with the greatest potential for job growth in the state and recommending steps to align the state's educational and workforce development programs, tax structure, and economic development initiatives to facilitate the growth of those sectors; and (c) analyzing the adequacy of the state's physical infrastructure, including access to high-speed Internet services, to support development of targeted industries and overall economic development of the state.

14 MEMBERS: 4 Senators; 3 Representatives; and 7 Public Members.

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