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W.S. 28-8-107(b) authorizes the Legislative Service Office (LSO) to conduct program evaluations, performance audits, and analyses of policy alternatives. Generally, the purpose of such research is to provide a base of knowledge from which policymakers can make informed decisions.

In October 2001, the Management Audit Committee directed staff to undertake a review of the Wyoming Aeronautics Commission. The primary function of the Aeronautics Commission is disbursing state grants-in-aid for the construction and development of airports within the state. The Committee requested an analysis of several questions:

- What is the mission of the Aeronautics Commission and is it accomplishing that mission? Has the mission changed over time, and if so, how and why?
- Is the organizational location of the Commission appropriate to its current mission? Does its structure enhance or detract from its capabilities to address statewide air transportation issues?
- How does the Commission compare with similar entities in other states in terms of organizational position, mission, and ability to develop in-state air transportation?

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