

Table 1
OVERVIEW OF THE 2007 INTERIM STUDY POLL
60TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION
(Compiled May 11, 2007)

Rank	Bill #	Points	Short Title/Subject of Legislation	Assigned by the Legislative Council*
1	HJ 48	1,323	Study health insurance reform and publicly funded health care programs	Economic Affairs IC
2	SJ 31	1,264	Study of taxation and school funding	Revenue and Transportation IC
3	SJ 24	1,249	Study prison population growth and alternative sentencing	Law and Justice IC
4	HJ 46	1,175	Study of election laws	State Administration & Vets' Affairs IC
5	HJ 26	1,125	Study mental health issues in criminal and juvenile justice systems	Law and Justice IC
6	HJ 59	989	Study redesign of public retirement systems	State Administration and Vets' Affairs IC
7	SJ 15	912	Study impacts of certain services on health care delivery	Children, Families, Health & Human Services IC
8	HJ 50	903	Study mental health precommitment process	Law and Justice IC
9	HJ 57	804	Study conservation easements on state land	Environmental Quality Council
10	SJ 13	790	Resolution for study on value-added agriculture	Economic Affairs IC
11	SJ 5	783	Study acute care and rural emergency medical services	Children, Families, Health & Human Services IC
12	SJ 6	729	Juvenile justice interim study resolution	Law and Justice IC
13	HJ 61	728	Study linkage of state and federal income taxes	Revenue and Transportation IC
14	HJ 39	721	Study economic development	Economic Affairs IC
16	HJ 22	653	Study payback and incentive for dental students	Education and Local Government IC
17	HJ 28	580	Study state business infrastructure	Economic Affairs IC
15	SJ 2	655	Study DUI laws	Not Assigned
18	HJ 52	488	Study problem gambling	Not Assigned
19	HJ 47	437	Study funding of Montana genetics program	Not Assigned
20	HJ 33	192	Study polio	Not Assigned
21	HJ 45	161	Study options for state document systems to reflect actual names	Not Assigned

MEAN = 793 MEDIAN = 783 BALLOTS = 98 returned & counted as of May 11, 2007 (65%); 103 total returned (69%).

* The Legislative Council has the statutory responsibility and discretion to assign the interim studies requested by resolution.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

Staffing

Lead: Sue O'Connell, Research Analyst
Attorney: Lisa Mecklenberg-Jackson
Secretary: Fong Hom

Interim Study Assignment

SJR 15: Study impacts of certain services on health care delivery
SJR 5: Study acute care and rural emergency medical services
Coordinate and collaborate as necessary on studies of health insurance (Economic Affairs Interim Committee) and mental illness services (Law and Justice Interim Committee)

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Staffing

Lead: Andrew Geiger, Research Analyst
Attorney: Bart Campbell
Secretary: Dawn Field

Interim Study Assignment

HJR 48: Study health insurance reform and publicly funded health care programs (co-ordinate w/ CFHHS IC)
SJR 13: Resolution for study on value-added agriculture
SJR 39: Study economic development
HJR 28: Study state business infrastructure

EDUCATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

Staffing

Lead: Casey Barrs, Research Analyst
Attorney: Eddy McClure
Secretary: Fong Hom

Interim Study Assignment

HB 49: Require study of local government special purpose districts (Leanne Heisel, lead staff to study and subcommittee)
HJR 22: Study payback and incentive for dental students

ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Staffing

Lead: Sonja Lee, Research Analyst

Attorney: Todd Everts

Secretary: Dawn Field

Interim Study Assignment

No studies assigned

LAW AND JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE

Staffing

Lead: Sheri Heffelfinger, Research Analyst

Attorney: Valencia Lane

Secretary: Fong Hom

Interim Study Assignment

SJR 24: Study prison population growth and alternative sentencing

HJR 26: Study mental health issues in criminal and juvenile justice systems (Coordinate w/ CFHHS IC)

HJR 50: Study mental health precommitment process (Coordinate w/ CFHHS IC)

SJR 6: Juvenile justice interim study

REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Staffing

Lead: Jeff Martin, Research Analyst

Attorney: Lee Heiman

Secretary: Dawn Field

Interim Study Assignment

HB 488: Study of property taxes and periodic reappraisal

SJR 31: Study of taxation and school funding

HJR 61: Study linkage of state and federal income taxes

STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Staffing

Lead: Dave Bohyer, Research Director
Attorney: David Niss
Secretary: Fong Hom

Interim Study Assignment

HJR 46: Study of election laws
HJR 59: Study redesign of public retirement systems

STATE/TRIBAL RELATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Staffing

Lead: Pat Murdo, Research Analyst
Attorney: Eddy McClure
Secretary: Dawn Field

Interim Study Assignment

No studies assigned

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

Staffing

Lead: Todd Everts, Legislative Environmental Analyst
Joe Kolman, Research Analyst
Attorney: Todd Everts
Secretary: TBD

Interim Study Assignment

HJR 57: Study conservation easements on state land
HB 831: Study of drinking water standards(?) -- coordinate with Water Policy Interim Committee

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Staffing

Lead: Krista Lee Evans, Research Analyst

Attorney: Greg Petesch

Secretary: TBD

Interim Study Assignment

HB 304: Study of issues related to water quantity, water quality, and water use in Montana

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Staffing

Lead: Susan Byorth Fox, Executive Director

Attorney: Greg Petesch, Legal Director

Secretary: Dawn Field

Interim Study Assignment

None assigned

LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE/FISCAL DIVISION STAFF

Staffing

Lead: Clayton Schenck

Attorney: TBD

Secretary: Diane McDuffie

Interim Study Assignment

None assigned

INTERIM COMMITTEE STAFFING TABLE
2007-08 INTERIM
(MAY 31, 2007)

COMMITTEE	LEAD STAFFER	ATTORNEY	SECRETARY	2007-08 STUDIES
Children, Families, Health & Human Services	Sue O'Connell	Lisa Mecklenberg-Jackson	Fong Hom	SJR 15, SJR 5
Economic Affairs	Andrew Geiger	Bart Campbell	Dawn Field	HJR 48, SJR 13, SJR 39, HJR 28
Education and Local Government	Casey Barrs	Eddy McClure	Fong Hom	HB 49, HJR 22
Energy and Telecommunications	Sonja Lee	Todd Everts	TBD	None assigned
Law and Justice	Sheri Heffelfinger	Valencia Lane	Fong Hom	SJR 24, HJR 26, HJR 50, SJR 6
Revenue and Transportation	Jeff Martin	Lee Heiman	Dawn Field	HB 488, SJR 31, HJR 61
State Admin. and Veterans' Affairs	Dave Bohyer	David Niss	Fong Hom	HJR 46, HJR 59
State/Tribal Relations	Pat Murdo	Eddy McClure	Dawn Field	None assigned
Water Policy	Krista Lee Evans	Greg Petesch	TBD	HB 304
Environmental Quality Council	Todd Everts, LEA Joe Kolman	Todd Everts	TBD	HB 831(?), HJR 57
Legislative Council	Susan Byorth Fox	Greg Petesch	Dawn Field	None assigned
Legislative Finance	Clayton Schenck	As needed	Diane McDuffie	None assigned