

Suggested General Work Plan for 2009 - 2010 Legislative Council

April - June 2009 - May 27 and June 26, 2009

- Elect presiding officers
- Review status of proposed biennial budget
- Review status of Legislative Council legislation
- Establish interim study program
- Appoint membership of interstate organizations
- Set prices for session publications and codes
- Establish operating budget for ensuing fiscal years

July - December 2009*

- Conduct strategic planning for 2009-10 interim
- Develop and implement strategic objectives throughout interim
- Receive updates on Legislative Services Division projects and activities
- Kumamoto Delegation

Suggested dates: August 20, 21 for strategic planning
October 21-23, 28-30 or November 4-6, 2009

January - April 2010

- Begin budget development for succeeding biennium
- Identify budget initiatives
- Begin to identify proposed legislation for Legislative Council sponsorship

Suggested dates: January 20-22, 27-29, 2010 and March 24-26, 31 or April 1,2, 2010.

May - June 2010

- Review preliminary budget proposals for ensuing biennium
- Review Executive Branch agencies' proposed legislation for 2011 session

Suggested dates: May 13-15, June 9-11, 16-18, 2010

July - October 2010*

- Review and approve Legislative Branch Computer System Plan
- Approve budget submission prior to October 10
- Receive Code Commissioner Report
- Adopt Council-sponsored legislation
- Schedule caucus, new leg orientation, other trainings (i.e. committee chair)

Suggested dates: August 19-20, September 30, October 1, 4-6, 2010

November 2010

- Select legislative interns and assign interns to legislators
- Set prices for session proceedings

Suggested dates: To coincide with caucus?, Nov 16 (LFC),17, 2010

***Note:** It is quite common for a Kumamoto legislative delegation to visit Montana in August or September and request a meeting with the Legislative Council -- and especially the Speaker and President. This often happens with little advance notice.