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TO: Members of the Legislative Council
FROM: Dave Bohyer, Research Director
RE: Results of the Interim Study Poll

We have compiled the results of the 2013 Interim Study Poll based on ballots returned through Thursday, May, 9. The rankings of the studies requested by resolution are shown in Table 1 on the reverse side of this page. We will discuss the studies and the staff recommendations with you in more detail at your meeting scheduled for next week, on Thursday May 16.

In the meantime, I hope you'll review the results of the poll and the staff recommendations for assignment of the studies. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have before then, by email at dbohyer@mt.gov or by phone at 444-3592.

Rank	Joint Res.	Short Title/Subject	Staff Recommendation for Assignment	Total Points
1	HJ 17	Study state pay plans	Legislative Finance Committee	1090
2	SJ 15	Study public land management	EQC	1015
3	HJ 1	Study structure and duties of office of comm of political practices	State Admin. and Vets' Affairs IC	983
3	SJ 6	Study the impacts of Montana's renewable portfolio standard	Energy and Telecom IC	983
5	HJ 16	Study state-operated public institutions	Children and Families IC	961
6	HJ 25	Study workers' compensation and subrogation, other issues	Economic Affairs IC	825
7	SJ 20	Study prescription drug abuse	Children and Families IC	809
8	SJ 23	Study the tax appeal process	Revenue and Transportation IC	804
9	SJ 22	Study family law procedure alternatives	Law and Justice IC	785
10	SJ 3	Study the Board of Pardons and Parole	Law and Justice IC	725
11	HJ 2	Study state/local gov electronic records management	State Admin. and Vets' Affairs IC	665
12	HJ 26	Study water ditch/canal easement restatement process options	Water Policy Committee	640
13	SJ 26	Study commerce corridors along Montana highways	Revenue and Transportation IC	628
14	SJ 14	Study local government election procedures	Education & Local Government IC	604
15	SJ 24	Study military training applicability to civilian jobs	Economic Affairs IC	558
16	SJ 4	Study Virginia City, Nevada City, and Reeder's Alley	EQC	542
17	HJ 3	Study benefits for veterans	Do Not Assign*	524

* Staff recommends that the study of statutory benefits provided to military veterans not be assigned to an interim committee but, instead, be conducted by staff as an information request. The staff's compilation of statutory veterans' benefits would be specifically presented to: State Admin. and Vets' Affairs; EQC; Children and Families; Economic Affairs; Revenue and Transportation; and, if requested, to other committees, including the Legislative Finance Committee.