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To: Water Policy Interim Committee
From: Jason Mohr, committee staff
Re: HB142 review of reports, advisory councils

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House Bill 142 (2011) requires interim committees to review statutorily established advisory councils and required reports of assigned agencies (5-5-215, MCA). The law also requires an interim committee to "make recommendations to the next legislature on retention or elimination of any advisory council or required reports."

Advisory committees under WPIC oversight are:

- Water and Wastewater Operators' Advisory Council (2-15-2105, MCA)
- Water Pollution Control Advisory Council (2-15-2107, MCA)

Statutorily required reports are:

- 75-5-313, MCA, Nutrient standards and variances (Department of Environmental Quality)
- 75-5-703, MCA, TMDL development (DEQ)
- 85-1-203, MCA, State Water Plan (Department of Natural Resources and Conservation).
- 85-1-501, MCA, Small-scale hydro on state water projects (DNRC)
- 85-1-621, MCA, Status of Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (DNRC)
- 85-2-281, MCA, Water rights adjudication (DNRC, Montana Water Court)
- 85-2-350, MCA, Clark Fork River Task Force report
- 85-2-436, MCA, Instream flow rights (FWP)
- 85-20-1401, MCA, Water reservations on national forests (DNRC, U.S. Forest Service)
- 85-2-427, MCA, Temporary leases of appropriation rights (DNRC)
- SB330 review of state water reservations (DNRC)

Recommendations regarding these advisory councils and statutorily required reports are scheduled in the "Work Plan Time Line, Meeting Calendar" on page 8 of the draft work plan.