

The CJOC Work Plan Decision Matrix provides a side-by-side comparison of topics and allows for review of time allocations to each topic. Review the potential topics presented and prioritize the topics you want the CJOC to focus on this interim. Select the Staff FTE you wish to allocate to each of the topics in which you're interested. The CJOC may adjust the proposed FTE and corresponding level of study. Because CJOC shares staff with the Law and Justice Interim Committee, **the total allocation available is 0.50 FTE**. The options the council chooses should total no more than 0.50 FTE. Use the draft decision matrix to assist you with this process.

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The following studies were assigned to the CJOC by a study resolution assigned by the Legislative Council.					
Topic	Source	Option A		Option B	Option C
Study of dependent neglect standards for prosecutors	SJ 36	<b>0.30 FTE</b>  <b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff research or stakeholder presentation on best legal practices in child welfare matters, including efforts in other states and how they are funded</li><li>Panel involving county attorneys from judicial districts of varying sizes</li><li>Fiscal analysis of potential costs associated with the state assuming prosecution responsibility of DN matters, and discussion of possible funding sources</li><li>Additional staff paper(s)/presentation(s) at the council's request</li><li>Additional panel(s) or stakeholder roundtable discussion of potential/proposed legislation, if any</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Final report</li><li>Staff papers</li></ul>		<b>0.10 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff background paper/presentation on the current statutory scheme related to dependent neglect matters</li><li>Presentation from Office of State Public Defender on MT Standards of Practice for Attorneys Representing Parents and Children in Dependent Neglect Cases and the Department of Justice on Child Protection Unit and capacity for expansion</li><li>Stakeholder panel on how Montana might improve and standardize the prosecution of DN matters in the state</li><li>Final report with recommendations and draft legislation at the council's request</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff papers</li><li>Legislation</li></ul>	No Action
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Study of the impact collateral consequences have on criminal record expungement	HJ 45	<b>0.40 FTE</b>  All of option B <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Additional panel(s) or stakeholder roundtable discussion on employment, wage, and/or housing issues of individuals with expunged records</li><li>Staff analysis of other states' forensic peer support services and models of peer support integration in reentry programs</li><li>Attempt by staff to gather research and analyze data on the impact of expungement on housing, employment, and social reintegration.</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff papers</li></ul>	<b>0.25 FTE</b>  All of option C <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff summary/analysis of strengths and challenges of current statutory organization based on stakeholder feedback</li><li>Staff comparative analysis on criminal record expungement laws in surrounding states</li><li>DOC and/or DOJ review of felony recidivism rates and reentry success for individuals with expunged criminal records.</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff papers</li></ul>	<b>0.10 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff background paper on the current statutory scheme and legislative history of the Misdemeanor Expungement Clarification Act.</li><li>DOJ presentation of criminal record expungement process.</li><li>Panel(s) or stakeholder roundtable discussion of collateral consequences associated with criminal record expungement.</li><li>Final report of council's activities, findings, recommendations, and drafting of any council-requested legislation.</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Final report</li><li>Staff papers</li><li>Legislation</li></ul>	No Action

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**The following topics were suggested by members for LJIC consideration. They are OPTIONAL.**

Topic	Source	Option A		Option B		Option C
Fines, Court Fees, and Restitution	Rep. Howell	<b>0.20 FTE</b>		<b>0.10 FTE</b>		No Action
		<b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analysis of relevant laws and policies in other states</li><li>Review of any national best practices or recommendations related to financial obligations for criminal justice-involved individuals</li><li>Monitor the implementation of relevant legislation from the 2025 session</li><li>Roundtable discussion on possible legislation</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff papers</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff background paper on the current statutory scheme of allocation of fines, costs, restitution, interest, and other charges</li><li>Review and consideration of <a href="#">HJ30 (2023)</a> - Study of criminal fines, fees, and forfeitures</li><li>Stakeholder panel discussion and presentation</li><li>Review of relevant legislation from the 2025 session</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff papers</li><li>Legislative histories</li><li>Legislation</li></ul>		
		Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	
Juvenile Justice System	Sen. Smith	<b>0.25 FTE</b>		<b>0.15 FTE</b>		No Action
		<b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Multiple panel discussions with stakeholders and expert presentations at the request of the council</li><li>Multiple staff papers on additional topics identified by the council</li><li>Roundtable discussion on possible legislation</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff papers</li></ul>		<b>All of option C</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review of relevant case law</li><li>Monitor the implementation of relevant legislation from the 2025 session</li><li>Analysis of relevant laws and policies in other states</li><li>Council field trip to Pine Hills, if desired</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff papers</li></ul>		
Commitments, Conditional Release, and Community Correctional Facilities	Sen. Usher	<b>0.30 FTE</b>		<b>0.20 FTE</b>		No Action
		<b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Multiple panel discussions with stakeholders and expert presentations at the request of the council</li><li>Multiple staff papers on additional topics identified by the council</li><li>Roundtable discussion on possible legislation</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff papers</li></ul>		<b>All of option C</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff summary and analysis of strengths and challenges of the current statutory organization based on stakeholder feedback</li><li>Analysis of relevant laws and policies in other states</li><li>Monitor the implementation of relevant legislation from the 2025 session</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff papers</li></ul>		
		<b>0.10 FTE</b>		<b>0.10 FTE</b>		
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff background paper on the current statutory scheme and agency rules governing DOC commitments and conditional release.</li><li>Stakeholder panel discussion and expert presentation</li><li>Review of relevant legislation from the 2025 session</li></ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Study summary</li><li>Legislative histories</li><li>Legislation</li></ul>		

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Recovery Residences - SB94 (2023)	Sen. Usher	<b>0.15 FTE</b>  <b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis of relevant laws and policies in other states</li> <li>Roundtable discussion on possible legislation</li> <li>Multiple panel discussions with stakeholders and expert presentations at the request of the council</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> </ul>	<b>0.05 FTE</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPHHS update on the implementation of SB94</li> <li>Stakeholder panel discussion and presentation</li> <li>Review of relevant legislation from the 2025 session</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislative histories</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	No Action
Yellowstone Arraignment Court	Sen. Usher	<b>0.15 FTE</b>  <b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis of relevant laws and policies in other states</li> <li>Roundtable discussion on possible legislation</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> </ul>	<b>0.10 FTE</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff background and summary paper</li> <li>Stakeholder and expert panel discussion and presentation</li> <li>Council field trip to Yellowstone County Justice Court, if desired</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff paper</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	No Action
SB84 and SB89 (2025)	Sen. Usher  County Attorney Twito	<b>0.10 FTE</b>  <b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple panel discussions with stakeholders and expert presentations at the request of the council</li> <li>Multiple staff papers on additional topics identified by the council</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> </ul>	<b>0.05 FTE</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of research and materials from 2023-2024 CJOC</li> <li>Panel discussion and presentation</li> <li>Roundtable discussion on possible legislation</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	No Action
Federal vs. State Definition of Bodily Injury	County Attorney Twito  Ms. Gaynor	<b>0.05 FTE</b>  <b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple panel discussions with stakeholders and expert presentations at the request of the council</li> </ul>	<b>0.01 FTE</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel discussion and presentation</li> <li>Roundtable discussion on possible legislation or a letter to the Montana Congressional Delegation</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislation or correspondence</li> </ul>	No Action

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Siloed Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Systems	Ms. Gaynor	<b>0.25 FTE</b>  <b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification/analysis of underserved areas in the state, including barriers to adequate services.</li> <li>Multiple panel discussions with stakeholders and expert presentations at the request of the council</li> <li>Multiple staff papers on additional topics identified by the council</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> </ul>	<b>0.15 FTE</b>  <b>All of option C</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff summary and analysis of strengths and challenges of the current statutory organization based on stakeholder feedback</li> <li>Analysis of relevant laws and policies in other states</li> <li>Roundtable discussion on possible legislation</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> </ul>	<b>0.10 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of research and materials from relevant studies conducted in the last 5 years</li> <li>Stakeholder panel discussion and/or expert presentation</li> <li>Joint DPHHS and DOC presentation on current community-based services</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> <li>Study summary</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	No Action
Human Trafficking of Youth	Ms. Gaynor	<b>0.25 FTE</b>  <b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple panel discussions with stakeholders and expert presentations</li> <li>Staff research and/or papers on additional topics identified</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> </ul>	<b>0.15 FTE</b>  <b>All of option C</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff summary and analysis of challenges and possible solutions based on stakeholder feedback</li> <li>Analysis of relevant laws and policies in other states</li> <li>Roundtable discussion on possible legislation</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> </ul>	<b>0.05 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of relevant Montana studies conducted over the last 5 years</li> <li>Stakeholder panel discussion and expert presentation</li> <li>DOJ update on the current situation of human trafficking in Montana</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> <li>Study summary</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	No Action
Vicarious Trauma	Ms. Gaynor	<b>0.30 FTE</b>  <b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple panel discussions with stakeholders and expert presentations at the request of the council</li> <li>Multiple staff papers on additional subtopics identified by the council</li> <li>Survey of criminal justice professionals on their experiences with vicarious trauma</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> <li>Survey report</li> </ul>	<b>0.20 FTE</b>  <b>All of option C</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff summary and analysis of challenges and possible solutions based on stakeholder feedback</li> <li>Analysis of relevant laws and policies in other states</li> <li>Roundtable discussion on possible legislation</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> </ul>	<b>0.10 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High-level review of research and materials from relevant state or national studies conducted in the last 5 years</li> <li>Stakeholder panel discussion and/or expert presentation</li> <li>Review of relevant legislation from the 2025 session, if any</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> <li>Study summary</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	No Action

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Work Time Credit	Mr. Seaton	<b>0.20 FTE</b>  <b>All of option B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor the implementation of relevant legislation from the 2025 session</li> <li>Staff summary and analysis on expert and stakeholder feedback</li> <li>Roundtable discussion on possible legislation</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> </ul>	<b>0.10 FTE</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis of relevant laws and policies in other states</li> <li>Stakeholder and expert panel discussion and presentation</li> <li>Review of relevant legislation from the 2025 and past sessions</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff papers</li> <li>Study summary</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	No Action
The following are CJOC's statutory duties				
Duty		Option A	Option B	
Required reports *See page 4 of the draft work plan for a list of required reports		<b>0.02 FTE</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option B</li> <li>Reporting entity presents report during CJOC meeting</li> <li>Follow-up information or presentations provided upon request of CJOC</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Printed and electronic copies of required report</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	<b>0.005 FTE</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive written staff overview of required reports</li> <li>Receive copy of any required report</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Printed and electronic copies of required report</li> </ul>	
Provide direction and recommendations to MBCC regarding the criminal justice data warehouse established in <a href="#">44-7-216, MCA</a>		<b>0.02 FTE</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option B</li> <li>Staff summary on MBCC updates and progress of implementation</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written summary</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	<b>0.005 FTE</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive implementation updates from the Montana Board of Crime Control at every regular CJOC meeting</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	
Council Biennial Report		<b>0.01 FTE</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review final report compiled by staff of council's activities, findings, and recommendations</li> </ul> <b>Deliverables:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final report</li> </ul>		
			Total Resources Utilized/ Total Resources Available	/0.50 FTE