

INTERIM COMMITTEE COMPENSATION EXPLANATION

The 69th Legislature passed Senate Bill 64, which amended **MCA 5-2-302**, the statute governing compensation for legislative interim work. This legislation establishes a zone-based system for determining compensation for participation in Interim, Budget, and Administrative Committee meetings, based on the round-trip mileage from a member's residence to the meeting location.

A member's eligible compensation is based on the designated travel zone corresponding to the round-trip distance from their residence to the meeting location, unless they choose to **opt out** of part or all of the compensation by contacting the **Legislative Financial Office** at legfinservices@legmt.gov.

Compensation Specifics:

- Remote participation or "Zoom:"
 - o Salary only each meeting day.
- 100 miles or less:
 - o 1-meeting day:
 - 1 day salary
 - 1 midday meal
 - Mileage
 - o Each additional consecutive meeting day:
 - Additional day salary
 - Additional midday meal
 - Additional round-trip mileage
- More than 100 but less than 400 miles:
 - o 1-meeting day:
 - 2 Days Salary
 - 2 Days Meals
 - 2 Nights Lodging
 - Mileage
 - o Each additional consecutive meeting day:
 - Additional day salary
 - Additional full-day meals
 - Additional nights lodging
- More than 400 miles:
 - o 1-meeting day:
 - 3 Days Salary
 - 3 Days Meals
 - 2 Nights Lodging
 - Mileage
 - o Each additional consecutive meeting day:
 - Additional day salary
 - Additional full day meals
 - Additional nights lodging

Logistics and Administration

- Committee staff will report attendance directly to the Legislative Financial Office.
- **Members are no longer required to submit claim forms or receipts.**
- Note: Actual round-trip mileage will be reimbursed, not the miles used to calculate the "zones."
- Inclement weather may allow for additional reimbursements under certain circumstances. Please contact the Legislative Financial Office at legfinservices@legmt.gov for assistance.
- If the meeting is not in the Capitol, the Legislative Financial Office will calculate the round-trip mileage and determine the appropriate zone for the meeting location for you.

Meeting Location

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**Remote Participation
(no arrow)**
Salary Only

100 or Less Round Trip Miles

1 Day Salary, 1 Midday Meal, Mileage

2

**More than 100 but less than 400
Round Trip Miles**

2 Days Salary, 2 Days Meals, 2
Nights Lodging, Mileage

3

400 + Round Trip Miles

3 Days Salary, 3 Days Meals,
2 Nights Lodging, Mileage

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"ZONES" EXPLANATION