

Energy and Technology Interim Committee

2025-26 Draft Work Plan Decision Matrix – For July 28, 2025 Discussion						
Topic	Why is this a topic?	Option A(High)	Option B(Moderate)	Option C(Low)	Option D	Resources Allocated
Assigned Studies						
Study of Artificial Intelligence	HJ 4	0.6 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">All of option BDevelop AI code of ethics for state agencies and bill of rights for citizens	0.45 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">All of option CMore detailed review of other state/federal AI regulatory structuresIdentify benefits and risks of AI to state agencies and to the rights of citizens with attention to employment, legal rights, privacy, and economic welfare	0.15 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review Montana laws and regulations on transparency requirements and civil and criminal liability for entities that use AIPanel on how state agencies currently use and regulate AIPresentation from national expert on state/federal AI regulatory structures	No Action	
Study on Energy Transmission	SJ 12		0.25 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">All of option BField trip to Colstrip, Montana to visit the proposed connection site of the North Plains ConnectorLegal or data modeling/analysis of identified areas.Additional panel(s) or stakeholder roundtable discussion of potential/proposed legislation.Additional staff paper(s)/presentation as requested by the committee.	0.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Panel discussion/roundtable with stakeholders to identify issues and recommend solutions to observed transmission pathway congestionStaff background paper/presentation on Montana transmission pathways, regulatory framework, and the factors that attribute to pathway congestion and the current lack of transmission infrastructure.Final report on committee activities, findings, and requested legislation.	No Action	
Study on Interstate Power Grid Development	SJ 21		0.25 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">All of option BRoundtable with neighboring states to discuss potential interstate cooperative agreements.Legal or data modeling/analysis of identified areas.Additional panel(s) or stakeholder roundtable discussion of potential/proposed legislation.Additional staff paper(s)/presentation as requested by the committee.	0.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Roundtable with stakeholders listed below to explore and identify best practices in implementing interstate cooperative agreement.Staff background paper/presentationFinal report on committee activities, findings, and		

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				requested legislation.		
Statutory Duties						
Review administrative rules	Statute		0.03 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff provides ETIC copies of notices for the adoption of rules on all ETIC subjects (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information) Committee requests it be copied on notification letters that the DPSR and/or PSC is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for Committee attorney monitors and provides synopses of rules or subjects 	0.02 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff provides ETIC copies of notices for the adoption of rules on certain ETIC subjects(Memb ers to inform staff or Chair if they want more information) Committee requests that it be copied on notification letters that the DPSR and/or PSC is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for 		
Review agency legislation	Statute		0.005 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviews proposals from the DSPR and/or PSC and decides if staff should draft legislation for preintroduction 			
Monitor PSC activities	Statute	0.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor or investigate aspects of PSC programs 	0.03 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor or investigate aspects of a program, if and when ETIC chooses 			
Review utility USB reports	Statute	. 1 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of Option B. Analysis of USB program Analysis of large customer reports Panel discussions Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential legislation 	0.03 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviews utility reports and decides if any comments on compliance are needed and if staff should assist Collect public comment Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential legislation 			

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		◦ Final report with alternatives and recommendations				
Review geothermal research	Statute		0.002 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviews Bureau of Mines and Geology reports and determines if comments are needed or if staff should assist 			
Review High-Performance Building Program	Statute		0.002 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviews DOA reports related to the use of high-performance buildings 			
Review 9-1-1 next-generation grants	Statute		0.002 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee receives report from DOA on distribution of grants for next-generation 9-1-1 infrastructure 			
The following topics are optional, and it is up to ETIC committee members whether to pursue them as studies or as potential agenda items.						
Member Topics	Member topic	.4 FTE Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Interim Report ◦ White Papers ◦ Legislation 	.3 FTE Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Interim Report ◦ White Papers ◦ Legislation 	.2 FTE Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Panel discussion 	No Action	
Programmatic Review	Expanded Duties	.2-Avail FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B Multiple staff reports on subject Multiple agency presentations In-depth review of subject Possible subcommittee effort Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ White paper ◦ Legislation 	.06-.2 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C History and overview of applicable statutes Staff interviews with program personnel Staff summaries of related audit and fiscal work and any court decisions Additional staff research Legal review of specific subjects Multiple regulated community panels Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Staff report ◦ Legislation 	.02-.06 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff summary of program Agency presentation Bibliography of related materials including audits or fiscal analysis, including court cases Regulated community panel Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Summary with potential recommendations ◦ Legislation 		
Total Resources Available						1 FTE

FTE Available to ETIC
.05 FTE = 144 hrs = 18 days
.10 FTE = 288 hrs = 36 days
.25 FTE = 720 hrs = 90 days
.50 FTE = 1440 hrs = 180 days
.75 FTE = 2160 hrs = 270 days
1 Interim FTE = 16.5 months = 2880 hrs

A member may request the committee learn about an issue as an agenda item as opposed to incorporating into the work plan. Additional topics also may be requested as agenda items that do not need to be incorporated into the work plan.