

Energy and Technology Interim Committee

	2025-26	Draft Work Plan De	ecision Matrix – For Ju	lly 28, 2025 Discus	sion	
Topic	Why is this a topic?	Option A(High)	Option B(Moderate)	Option C(Low)	Option D	Resources Allocated
	<u> topic:</u>		Assigned Studies			
Study of Artificial Intelligence	HJ 4	0.6 FTE	0.45 FTE	0.15 FTE	No Action	
		All of option B Develop AI code of ethics for state agencies and bill of rights for citizens	 All of option C More detailed review of other state/federal AI regulatory structures Identify benefits and risks of AI to state agencies and to the rights of citizens with attention to employment, legal rights, privacy, and economic welfare 	 Review Montana laws and regulations on transparency requirements and civil and criminal liability for entities that use AI Panel on how state agencies currently use and regulate AI Presentation from national expert on state/federal AI regulatory structures 		
Study on Energy	SJ 12		0.25 FTE	0.10 FTE	No Action	
Transmission			All of option B Field trip to Colstrip, Montana to visit the proposed connection site of the North Plains Connector Legal or data modeling/analysis of identified areas. Additional panel(s) or stakeholder roundtable discussion of potential/proposed legislation. Additional staff paper(s)/presentati on as requested by the committee.	 Panel discussion/roun dtable with stakeholders to identify issues and recommend solutions to observed transmission pathway congestion Staff background paper/presenta tion 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. 	Action	
Study on Interstate Power Grid Development	SJ 21		 O.25 FTE All of option B Roundtable 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)/presentati on as requested by the committee. 	• Roundtable with stakeholders listed below to explore and identify best practices in implementing interstate cooperative agreement. • Staff background paper/presenta tion • Final report on committee activities, findings, and		

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			Statutory Duties			
Review administrative rules	Statute		O.03 FTE 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	• 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		
Review agency legislation	Statute		 0.005 FTE Committee reviews proposals from the DSPR and/or PSC and decides if staff should draft legislation for preintroduction 	rules for		
Monitor PSC activities	Statute	0.05 FTEMonitor or investigate aspects of PSC programs	 0.03 FTE Monitor or investigate aspects of a program, if and when ETIC chooses 			
Review utility USB reports	Statute	. 1 FTE	• Committee reviews utility reports and decides if any comments on compliance are needed and if staff should assist • Collect public comment Deliverables: Potential legislation			

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FTE Available to ETIC

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.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.