

Energy and Technology Interim Committee

2025-2026 Work Plan Decision Matrix- As of July 28, 2025

Topic	Why is this a topic?	FTE Allocated
Study on Energy Transmission	SJ 12	<p>0.15 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel discussion/roundtable with stakeholders to identify issues and recommend solutions to observed transmission pathway congestion Staff 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.
Study on Interstate Power Grid Development	SJ 21	<p>0.15 FTE</p> <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/presentation Final report on committee activities, findings, and requested legislation.
Review administrative rules	Statute	<p>0.03 FTE</p> <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
Review agency legislation	Statute	<p>0.005 FTE</p> <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	<p>0.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor or investigate aspects of PSC programs
Review utility USB reports	Statute	<p>0.03 FTE</p> <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 <p>Deliverables: °Potential legislation</p>
Review geothermal research	Statute	<p>0.01 FTE</p> <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	<p>0.002 FTE</p> <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	<p>0.002 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee receives report from DOA on distribution of grants for next-generation 9-1-1 infrastructure
Member Topics	Member topic	<p>0.3 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim Report White Papers Legislation Panel discussion
Programmatic Review	Expanded Duties	<p>0.06 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff summary of program

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency presentation • 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 <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Staff report ◦ Legislation
Total FTE Allotted	0.939	

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.