OLIS Project Update FY25/26

(Updated October 21, 2025)

The projects listed below encompasses major OLIS projects currently underway with an estimated date of when the project will be fully implemented after testing. They are organized by the section primarily responsible for each, though many of these projects involve many – if not all – of the other sections. Projects are evaluated monthly to report ongoing progress.

> *STATUS LEGEND:*
> **Planned** = *Either this project has not started yet, has not been prioritized or funded, has time or resource constraints, or is not being actively worked on for some other reason.*
> **Discovery** = *Project is being scoped, requirements are being gathered, and/or the priority is being determined.*
> **In Progress** = *Development or Implementation underway, contracts or resources assigned, and the project is actively being worked on.*

PROJECTS UNDERWAY	STATUS	EST IMPLEMENTATION
Operations Section – Audrey Hinman		
• *Website and Web Applications Modernization*		
o B2C Elevated Roles for Staff	Planned	Feb 2026
o Bill Explorer		
▪ Focus Group Changes (see Appendix A)	In Progress	Oct 2026
o Bill Statuses	In Progress	Oct 2026
o Committee Explorer		
▪ Focus Group Changes (see Appendix A)	In Progress	Dec 2025
o LAWS Database Interface (LDI)	Planned	Oct 2026
o Document Management Integration (DMI)	Planned	Mar 2026
o Legislator Explorer	In Progress	Dec 2025
o Legislator Portal		
▪ Focus Group Changes (see Appendix A)	Planned	Oct 2026
o Notifications	Planned	Oct 2026
o Reports	Planned	Oct 2026
o Signature Manager	In Progress	Jul 2026
o Staff Portal	Planned	Oct 2026
o Vote History	In Progress	Dec 2025
o Vote System Integration	Planned	Oct 2026
• *Session Application Suite*		
o Bill Draft Management	Discovery	Oct 2026
o Chamber Interface	Discovery	Oct 2026
o Committee Management	Discovery	Oct 2026
o Editor	Discovery	Oct 2026
o HB 2 and Session Financials	Discovery	Oct 2026

○ Infrastructure and Security	Discovery	Jul 2026
○ MCA Management	Discovery	Feb 2027
• Electronic Authentication and Validation (UELMA)	Planned	Jul 2026
• Media Explorer		
○ IPTV Implementation	In Progress	Feb 2026
○ Advanced Agenda for Floor Sessions	Discovery	Jul 2026
• Network Microphones	Planned	Jan 2026 (1st phase)

Software Engineering Section – Alysa Semans

• *Post Session Publications*		
○ Session Law	In Progress	Nov 2025
○ Legislative Review	In Progress	Nov 2025
○ Histories and Final Statuses	In Progress	Nov 2025
○ Montana Code Annotated	In Progress	Nov 2025
○ MCA Annotations	Not Started	July 2026
• *Microsoft Access Database Replacements*		
○ Publications Management	Planned	TBD
○ Web Report and Publications	Planned	TBD
○ Management Reports and Branch Shared	Planned	TBD
○ MEPA Documents	Planned	TBD
• Junque File Requests	Planned	TBD

Technical Support Section – Cyndie Lockett

• Capitol Renovation Project		
○ Staff Relocations and Connectivity	In Progress	Jan 2026 (1st phase)
○ New Hearing Room	In Progress	Jan 2026
○ Monitors in New Offices and Hallways	In Progress	Jan 2026 (1st phase)
• Windows 11 Upgrade	In Progress	Nov 2025
• PC Replacements for Session Staff	Planned	TBD

Information Security Office – Chris Silvonen

• Security Vulnerability Management Program	Discovery	TBD
• Security Information and Event Management (SIEM)	Discovery	TBD

Enterprise Infrastructure Manager – Sky Foster

• Archive Website	In Progress	Jan 2026
• Fiber Optic Lines in Hearing Rooms	In Progress	Oct 2026
• Vote System Daktronics Display Controller Upgrades	In Progress	Jan 2026
• Multifactor Authentication for M365	Discovery	Mar 2026
• System Hardening and Availability Enhancements	In Progress	Ongoing
• System Monitoring and Alerting Improvements	Discovery	Oct 2026
• Virtual Host Server Replacements	Discovery	Feb 2026
• Disaster Recovery Environment Relocations	Planned	TBD
• VOIP Telephone Migration	Planned	TBD

- *Email Security Gateway and Immutable Archive Planned TBD
- *Microsoft Copilot (New as of Sept 2025) In Progress Dec 2025

New or unplanned projects

COMPLETED PROJECTS

- *Website and Web Applications Modernization*
  - Focus Group Meetings
  - Legislator Locator
  - Legislative Public Participation
  - Website Home Page

Appendix A: Focus Group Enhancements

In July and September of 2025, a series of website application focus group sessions were held. Participants included legislative staff, lobbyists, legislators, and members of the public. During these sessions, OLIS staff guided the attendees through the selected application discussing its features and functions and demonstrating their use. Participants provided thoughtful questions and feedback, and detailed notes were recorded.

Based on that input, we compiled the following lists of recommended changes and improvements. Several of these items have been implemented already and are noted accordingly. Others are currently in development or under review and will be released as they are completed.

To track progress and stay informed on updates, please visit the public Changelog at https://www.legmt.gov/change-log/ - which, notably, was one of the enhancements suggested through this process.

Committee Explorer (committees.legmt.gov)

Issue	Status and Comments
Saved Filters like in Bill Explorer	Analysis and design phase
Canceled dates - hearing (example TAH HB 200)	Analysis and design phase
Hearing time changed - flag/indicator that the time or location has changed.	Analysis and design phase
Advanced Agenda - Media Explorer	The Media Explorer project is separate from Committee Explorer
Notification process - updates to meetings need to standout	All notifications are handled by Bill Explorer
Committee Management - tasks that need approval need to standout or only cancel before rescheduling of meetings. To keep from approving reschedule before canceling which cause confusion on users/public.	This is a change in the Committee Management application
Vote History question on location	Focus group agreed to leave as is
Quick Reports	Focus group agreed to leave as is
Floor Agenda need to include carrier in 2nd Reading and 2nd Chamber only included on bills blasted from committee.	This is a change in LAWS
Floor Agenda for Senate showing vote tally from when bill was in House not Senate. Not sure if this is on the Agenda Helper report or reports in Committee Explorer.	This is a change in LAWS

Completed Items	
Interim committee information not showing in reports (not using Committee Management)- need to ensure this works if the business starts using Committee Management.	Complete – in production
Homepage only has House Floor, Senate Floor, House Committees, Senate Committees, Conference Committees during session, then when select one of the tiles display a list of committees in alphabet order, Interim: no changes details only no images	Complete – in production. Will only show when the default home page is changed to Standing committees
Bills Tab - when a bill in referred to committee and then rereferred to another committee remove from original committee and display on the next committee.	Complete – in production
Agendas (floor) when clicking link open in new tab instead of model window	Complete – in production for both Agendas and Journals
Standing Committees (Session) - automated from Committee Management details tab, Meetings tab date/time Agenda, Minutes, location, A/V links (CE,BE)	All items are complete except for the AV links as we are waiting on the IPTV implementation for those
Search on acronyms	Complete – in production
List view options - tile or no tile	Complete – in production
Committee of the Whole change to Senate Floor/House Floor	Complete – in production
Tab open name changes when open of Bill Explorer, Committee Explorer, and Legislator Explorer	Complete – in production
Export of data is in the future ensure all data is there make option clearer on future information.	Complete – in production
Clear filter button at the top then at the bottom.	Complete – in production

Bill Explorer (bills.legmt.gov)

Issue	Status and Comments
Filters change to be smart lists - only show information related to the session that is selected.	Analysis and design phase
Filters need to work together to narrow the results.	Analysis and design phase
Saved filters will work for reporting needs.	Analysis and design phase
Preference lists - unlimited number of lists, unlimited bills on lists, share preference lists with other people for read-only. When sharing have an invite email to users that don't have an B2C account or share preference list without an account. Dynamic webpage.	Analysis and design phase

Status filter cleanup so users don't need to pick two statuses to show all bills not chamber-specific	Analysis and design phase
Vote History include amendment filenames for committee be amended	Analysis and design phase
Combined bills both House and Senate in results	Analysis and design phase
Add option to status that will show "ever had this status" and "currently at this status"(default)	Analysis and design phase
Fiscal Note Tab file tie into statuses (example HB 87) instead of separate.	Fiscal Note process is being removed from the Chamber application and moved to Signature Manager, will complete Bill Explorer interface work when completed
Location of deadline categories under Other filter not clear on where to find. Training video on filters or move it out to its own level	Requirements discovery phase
Remove ribbon on Bill page to show progress and dates. Not working and not necessary	Analysis and design phase
Mobile device - limit what is showing too much or options to show less.	Analysis and design phase
Clear filter button at the top then at the bottom.	Analysis and design phase
Update name of columns from icon and tool tip from "column toggle" to "select columns"	Analysis and design phase
Mobile Devices - Adobe reader not working will need to see if there is another solution for viewing pdfs on mobile devices.	Investigating alternative options
Saved filters share or not to share	Analysis and design phase
Bill Amendments Tab - add Submitted date/Posted date, add failed or passed, list amendments based on specific committee and floor to give a better understanding where it was proposed, identify combo amendments and what amendments were included that passed, full bill with amendments and condensed amendments naming of the files, condensed column showing or not or changes, terminology Floor vs Committee of the Whole throughout all apps for consistency.	Analysis and design phase

Training video on columns	Requirements discovery phase
Status Tab slowness for statuses after Sine Die (data entry from House and Senate), tabled of bills and votes clarity, Veto by Governor statuses	This is a manual process handled by the Chambers
Completed Items	
Fix date range to work with status filter	Complete – in production

Website and Public Participation App – (legmt.gov, participate.legmt.gov)

Issue	Status and Comments
Quick way back to Homepage of legmt.gov dome then add similar functionality for apps to get to legmt.gov page suggestion adding home link to apps and dome in apps to legmt.gov	Must be changed in each individual application
Webmaster form for reporting issues. Rename so it's more apparent what it's for.	Requirements discovery phase
Completed Items	
Homepage: Changes/What's new?	Complete – in production; Change Log page
Homepage: remove carousel going to tiles	Complete – in production

Legislator Portal – (legislator.legmt.gov)

Issue	Status and Comments
Suggest removing Messages (Send a Message) from LPP	Discussion needed between Legislators and LSD Director
Schedule - Want an Export / Print Option	Analysis and design phase
Schedule - Want to see past items	Analysis and design phase
Schedule - Need to be able to add personal items, mark private	Analysis and design phase
Schedule - Want different views such as weekly, monthly, all Items, and custom date range	Analysis and design phase
Suggest providing email and address information (if chosen) for written comments	Discussion needed between Legislators and LSD Director