

2025-2026 Draft Local Government Interim Committee Work Plan Decision Matrix						
Topic	Why is this a topic?	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Total Time
The following studies were assigned to the LGIC by Legislative Council.						
Housing Density Incentivization	HJ 30	.25 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of option B Analysis of potential fiscal impacts from increased housing density and availability Staff background paper/presentation on federal programs that provide funding for housing density incentives Staff paper/presentation on incentive programs used by other states 	.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel(s) Discussion with MACO, The League, Home Developers, Nonprofit(s), local representatives, and relevant agency staff Staff background paper/presentation on the current housing market and state programs incentivizing and subsidizing housing Staff paper/presentation reviewing previous research on housing density Committee Legislation 	No Action	N/A	
Federal Grant Status and Opportunities	HJ 28	.50 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of option A Analysis of other states grant application systems and awarded amounts Additional staff paper(s)/presentation(s) at the committee’s request 	.25 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of option C Staff interviews with local and tribal governments that examine challenges in securing grants, including access to information, grant writer and other staff availability, and any other factors. Staff report comparing any disparities between government entities based on above research Additional panel(s) or stakeholder roundtable discussion of potential/proposed legislation 	.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff research and report on the most used federal grant funds by state, tribal, and local governments since 2020 Staff research and report or presentation on significant grants that are unused, including analysis of why Panel(s)/Presentation(s) by state agency personnel, local government authorities, and tribal government representatives on underutilized federal grants Committee Legislation 	No Action	
Local Government Cooperation	HJ 47	.60 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of option B Staff summary/analysis of potential fiscal impacts for entities that cooperate Analysis of efficacy of the existing process for collaboration and determine new processes if needed Identify models of cooperation in other states to direct further study, if needed 	.30 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of option C Staff background paper/presentation of neighboring states systems of local government cooperation Staff background paper/presentation on potential areas of cooperation for local entities Panel of local entity representatives to identify potential areas of cooperation 	.20 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel(s) of MACO, The League, MSU Local Government Center, and local government representatives Staff Background paper/presentation on current statutory provisions allowing entity cooperation Staff background paper/presentation on current examples of entity cooperation Committee Legislation 	No Action	
Owners’ Associations	HJ 50	.25 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of option B Additional panel discussion(s) with various stakeholder groups Summary and analysis of changes HB 619 made to existing statutes and general common interest ownership organization processes Further examination of various drafting methods to ensure smooth 	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel discussion(s) with various stakeholder groups Staff summary and review of House Bill 619 Committee Legislation 	No Action	N/A	

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		transition from repealed statues to new law				
The following topics were requested by committee members.						
Rural and Special improvement Districts	Rep. Griffith	.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of option B Analysis of other states rural/special improvement district statutory framework 	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel(s) with local government representatives, citizens, and other stakeholders Staff background paper/presentation on the current statutory framework for special/rural improvement districts Committee Legislation 	.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updates from the RIC on their special district study 	No Action	
Exempt Wells	Sen. Mandeville	.20 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of Option B Parallel study with WPIC 	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel with stakeholders, MACO, The League, Local government representatives, DEQ/DNRC representatives, and Developers Staff background paper/presentation on Exempt wells and SB 358/436 Committee Legislation 	.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates from WPIC on their exempt well study 	No Action	
HJ 57: Review of the public safety communications act and responses to extreme weather events and natural disasters	Rep. Klakken	.30 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of option B Staff interviews with stakeholders examining the efficacy of the system Analysis of potential benefits of integrating other systems into the SPSCS. 	.20 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of option C Analysis of other states’ safety communications systems and their statutory framework Analysis of the current financial situation of the SPSCS 	.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel(s) with Department of Justice staff and members of the Statewide Public Safety Communications System (SPSCS) Advisory Council Staff background paper/presentation on the current statutory framework of the SPSCS Committee legislation 	No Action	
The following are additional agenda items and/or educational topics for consideration. While these items present a minimal time commitment, the committee may want to reserve enough time in their work plan to accommodate them.						
Montana Land Use and Planning Act Updates/Status	Follow up from previous session/interim work	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of Option B Follow up panel after May 2026 to determine if cities are in compliance and investigate why if they are not 		.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel with local government representatives examining how the MLUPA implementation process is going 	No Action	
Voter Review Updates/Status	Currently Ongoing	.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by the MSU Local Government Center 		No Action	No Action	
Review of Laws Superseding Unfunded Mandate	Statutorily Required	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of option B Invite local government representatives to discuss impacts of specific legislation and how local government plan to meet the requirements 		.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive copies of the bills enacted in 2025 that superseded the local government unfunded mandate requirements Review fiscal notes 	No Action	
Total Resources Utilized/ Total Resources Available						<u> </u> / 1 FTE

FTE Available to LGIC

.01 FTE = 22 hrs = 3 days	.30 FTE = 660 hrs = 83 days
.10 FTE = 220 hrs = 28 days	.50 FTE = 1100 hrs = 140 days
.25 FTE = 550 hrs = 70 days	1 Interim FTE = 2200 hrs = 275 days