

**Interim Study Assignments
By Legislative Council, June 2025
2025-2026 Interim**

| SJ HJ | Rank | Points | Study Short Title | Committee |
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| HJ 61 | 1 | 1902 | Study of the property insurance market in Montana | Economic Affairs Interim Committee |
| HJ 42 | 2 | 1660 | Interim study on procurement, no-bid contracts, and transparency on no-bid purchases | Legislative Audit Committee |
| HJ 40 | 3 | 1653 | Interim study on transferring fiscal note production from executive branch to legislative branch | Legislative Council |
| SJ 12 | 4 | 1548 | Interim study on energy transmission | Energy and Technology Interim Committee |
| SJ 21 | 5 | 1543 | Interim study on interstate power grid development | Energy and Technology Interim Committee |
| SJ 28 | 6 | 1412 | Interim study on the legislature's ethics processes | Legislative Council |
| HJ 62 | 7 | 1321 | Study resolution on wildfire safety | Environmental Quality Council |
| HJ 23 | 8 | 1306 | Interim study on youth court laws | Law and Justice Interim Committee |
| HJ 44 | 9 | 1274 | Interim study of endocrine-disrupting chemicals and water quality | Water Policy Interim Committee |
| HJ 53 | 10 | 1273 | Request an interim study on school safety | Education Interim Committee |
| HJ 26 | 11 | 1228 | Study guardianships and conservatorships | Children, Families, Health and Human Services Committee |
| HJ 30 | 12 | 1206 | Study resolution on incentivizing housing density and affordability | Local Government Interim Committee |
| HJ 04 | 13 | 1205 | Interim study on artificial intelligence | Energy and Technology Interim Committee |
| HJ 28 | 14 | 1135 | Interim study to identify and improve access to federal grant opportunities for the state of Montana, tribal governments, and local government entities | Local Government Interim Committee |
| HJ 74 | 15 | 1131 | Study analyzing water re-use in the state | Water Policy Interim Committee |
| SJ 33 | 16 | 1035 | Interim study of the prescription drug supply chain | Economic Affairs Interim Committee |

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| HJ 48 | 17 | 1033 | Interim study on moving the date of the primary election | State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee |
| SJ 42 | 18 | 937 | Interim study of noxious weed control | Environmental Quality Council |
| SJ 35 | 19 | 936 | Interim study of voter list maintenance and integrity | State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee |
| SJ 48 | 20 | 921 | Interim study of the public health and safety impacts of marijuana legalization | Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee |
| SJ 11 | 21 | 903 | Interim study on farmer's markets and food systems | Economic Affairs Interim Committee |
| SJ 13 | 22 | 880 | Study resolution for emergency medical services | Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee |
| SJ 08 | 23 | 868 | Request interim study of property tax special districts | Revenue Interim Committee |
| HJ 47 | 24 | 863 | Study resolution on local government entity cooperation | Local Government Interim Committee |
| HJ 56 | 25 | 826 | Study of search and rescue services and funding | Law and Justice Interim Committee |
| SJ 37 | 26 | 820 | Interim survey of behavioral health services in Montana | Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee |
| SJ 19 | 27 | 789 | Joint resolution to study public transportation | Transportation Interim Committee |
| HJ 50 | 28 | 774 | Study of uniform common interest ownership laws | Local Government Interim Committee |
| SJ 29 | 29 | 763 | Interim study resolution on coordinating efforts between OPI and DPHHS in addressing the impacts on children of prenatal exposure to meth and fentanyl | Children, Families, and Health, and Human Services Committee |
| HJ 52 | 30 | 731 | Interim study on Montana cattle industry | Economic Affairs Interim Committee |
| HJ 45 | 31 | 701 | Interim study on the impact collateral consequences have on criminal record expungement | Criminal Justice Oversight Council |
| HJ 27 | 32 | 687 | Interim study on laws regarding morticians and funeral services | Economic Affairs Interim Committee |
| HJ 32 | 33 | 666 | Interim study of advanced investigator qualifications for law enforcement | Law and Justice Interim Committee |
| HJ 55 | 34 | 660 | Study on property management licensing and practice | Economic Affairs Interim Committee |
| SJ 49 | 35 | 589 | Study of youth and family behavioral health prevention | Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee |
| SJ 36 | 36 | 316 | Study dependent neglect standards for prosecutors | Criminal Justice Oversight Council |

| Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee | |
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| Statutory duties: 5-5-215 and 5-5-225, MCA | |
| HJ 26 | Study guardianships and conservatorships |
| SJ 48 | Interim study of the public health and safety impacts of marijuana legalization |
| SJ 13 | Study resolution for emergency medical services |
| SJ 37 | Interim survey of behavioral health services in Montana |
| SJ 29 | Interim study resolution on coordinating efforts between OPI and DPHHS in addressing the impacts on children of prenatal exposure to meth and fentanyl |
| SJ 49 | Study of youth and family behavioral health prevention |
| Other Considerations: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None for 2025 | |
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| Economic Affairs Interim Committee | |
| Statutory duties: 5-5-215 and 5-5-223, MCA | |
| HJ 61 | Study of the property insurance market in Montana |
| SJ 33 | Interim study of the prescription drug supply chain |
| SJ 11 | Interim study on farmer's markets and food systems |
| HJ 52 | Interim study on Montana cattle industry |
| HJ 27 | Interim study on laws regarding morticians and funeral services |
| HJ 55 | Study on property management licensing and practice |
| Other Considerations: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAIC has 9 agencies to monitor, including within the Department of Labor and Industry all the professional and occupational licensing boards (33) EAIC members are required to be named as liaisons to Montana State Fund. Wide range of topics considered by the committee (i.e. agriculture, insurance, licensing, etc.) | |
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| Education Interim Committee | |
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| Statutory duties: 5-5-215 and 5-5-224, MCA | |
| HJ 53 | Request an interim study on school safety |
| Other Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the 2025 interim, the committee will share staff with the School Funding Interim Commission | |
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| Energy and Technology Interim Committee | |
| Statutory duties: 5-5-215 and 5-5-230, MCA | |
| SJ 12 | Interim study on energy transmission |
| SJ 21 | Interim study on interstate power grid development |
| HJ 04 | Interim study on artificial intelligence |
| Other considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinates publication of Energy in Montana handbook | |
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| Environmental Quality Council | |
| Statutory duties: 5-5-202, 5-5-215, and 5-16-101, et seq., MCA | |
| HB 70 | Study of wildland firefighting |
| HJ 62 | Study resolution on wildfire safety |
| SJ 42 | Interim study of noxious weed control |
| Other Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains repository of MEPA reviews Conducts review of agency MEPA analysis at project sponsor request Documents and defines changes in the natural environment Publishes selected reference guides | |

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| Law and Justice Interim Committee | |
| Statutory duties: 5-5-215 and 5-5-225, MCA | |
| HJ 23 | Interim study on youth court laws |
| HJ 56 | Study of search and rescue services and funding |
| HJ 32 | Interim study of advanced investigator qualifications for law enforcement |
| Other Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the 2025 interim, the committee will share staff with the Criminal Justice Oversight Council | |
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| Local Government Interim Committee | |
| Statutory duties: 5-5-232, MCA | |
| HJ 30 | Study resolution on incentivizing housing density and affordability |
| HJ 28 | Interim study to identify and improve access to federal grant opportunities for the state of Montana, tribal governments, and local government entities |
| HJ 47 | Study resolution on local government entity cooperation |
| HJ 50 | Study of uniform common interest ownership laws |
| Other Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlike other interim committees, there are no executive agencies assigned to the committee and there will be no rule review duties. The committee works with cities and counties and the organizations that represent them to fulfill its statutory duties. LGIC is also responsible for reviewing all legislation that contains an unfunded mandate passed during the most recent session. | |
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| State-Tribal Relations Committee | |
| Statutory duties: 5-5-202, 5-5-215, and 5-5-229, MCA | |
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| Other Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee liaises with tribal governments and usually travels to several tribal communities each interim to perform these duties. | |

| Revenue Interim Committee | |
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| Statutory duties: 5-5-215 and 5-5-227, MCA | |
| SJ 08 | Request interim study of property tax special districts |
| Other Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Revenue Interim Committee has the following additional statutory duties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> revenue estimating and monitoring. The committee receives revenue reports throughout the interim and adopts a revenue estimate for introduction before each legislative session. tax credit review. The committee reviews and makes recommendations about 3 or 4 income tax credits each interim. | |
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| State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee | |
| Statutory duties: 5-5-215 and 5-5-228, MCA | |
| HJ 48 | Interim study on moving the date of the primary election |
| SJ 35 | Interim study of voter list maintenance and integrity |
| Other Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee is tasked with oversight of the state's public employee retirement systems and updating the Legislator's Guide to Montana's Public Employee Retirement Systems. | |
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| Transportation Interim Committee | |
| Statutory duties: 5-5-202, MCA | |
| SJ 19 | Joint resolution to study public transportation |
| Other Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the 2025 interim, the committee will share staff with the School Funding Interim Commission | |
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| Water Policy Interim Committee | |
| Statutory duties: 5-5-215 and 5-5-231, MCA | |
| HJ 44 | Interim study of endocrine-disrupting chemicals and water quality |
| SJ 74 | Study analyzing water re-use in the state |

| Other Committees/Commissions/Study Bodies | |
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| Criminal Justice Oversight Council | |
| Statutory Duties: | |
| HJ 45 | Interim study on the impact collateral consequences have on criminal record expungement |
| SJ 36 | Study dependent neglect standards for prosecutors |
| Other Considerations: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the 2025 interim, the committee will share staff with the Law and Justice Interim Committee | |
| MUS Investigation Committee | |
| Statutory duties: HB 284, 2025 Session | |
| HB 284 (2025) | Investigate civil rights violations and acts of censorship committed by the Montana university system |
| Membership | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Legislators: 4 House members (2 from each party); 4 Senate members (2 from each party) | |

| School Funding Interim Commission | |
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| Membership: 12 Legislators (6 Senate, 6 House); 1 Board of Regents; 1 member of the Board of Public Education; 1 from Office of Public Instruction; 1 designated by Governor; 4 Public Members. | |
| Appropriations: \$10,000 in HB 153; approximately \$335,000 in HB 2, including earmarks for contracted services | |
| Authority: | 5-20-301, MCA, and HB 153 (2025) |
| <p>The commission shall:</p> <p>(a) conduct a study to reassess the educational needs and costs related to the basic system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools; and</p> <p>(b) if necessary, recommend to the following legislature changes to the state's funding formula;</p> <p>(c) in considering changes to the funding formula or in designing a new funding formula, strive for a funding formula that:</p> | |

- (i) is understandable, transparent, and equitable, including adjustments for student needs, district characteristics, and local property wealth disparities;
- (ii) utilizes revenue sources that are stable and predictable;
- (iii) prioritizes funding the education of children in the current year, and not simply funding a system of schools based on prior year enrollment;
- (iv) reduces administrative burdens and costs and drives funding toward classroom instruction;
- (v) allows for parental choice within an expanded public education system;
- (vi) eliminates the need for tuition payments between school districts;
- (vii) minimizes property tax impacts related to the reappraisal cycle; and
- (viii) incorporates free market principles where appropriate and rewards school districts based on student academic growth, achievement, and proficiency rather than head counts and seat time; and
- (d) for the commission formed during the 2025-2026 interim, prior to conducting the study under subsection (1)(a), form an innovation and excellence in education working group to develop recommendations, objectives, and an implementation plan as described in subsection (10) to improve the basic system of free, quality, public elementary and secondary schools.

Administrative Committee Assignments

Legislative Council

Authority: Article V, Section 10, Montana Constitution and 5-11-101, MCA

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| SJ 28 | Interim study on the legislature's ethics processes |
| HJ 40 | Interim study on transferring fiscal note production from executive branch to legislative branch |

Legislative Finance Committee

Authority: 5-12-201, MCA

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Legislative Audit Committee

Authority: Article V, Section 10, Montana Constitution and 5-13-201, MCA

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| HJ 42 | Interim study on procurement, no-bid contracts, and transparency on no-bid purchases |
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