

2025-2026 Revenue Interim Committee Work Plan Decision Matrix – For July 11, 2025, Discussion			
Statutory Duties			
Topic	Option A	Option B	Resources Allocated
Monitor Department of Revenue (DOR)	0.005 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agency updates at each meeting on topics selected by agency, staff, and committee members		
Monitor Montana Tax Appeal Board (MTAB)	0.0025 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agency updates at each meeting on topics selected by agency, staff, and committee members	0.001 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agency updates at <u>alternating meetings</u> on topics selected by agency, staff, and committee members	
Review administrative rules	0.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BCommittee receives copies of rules from agencies for personal review	0.04 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Legal staff provides RIC a brief written description of each proposed or adopted rule prior to each meeting with issues of concern notedMembers to inform staff or Chair if they want more information	
Review statutorily established advisory councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Multistate Tax Compact advisory councilAgricultural Advisory CommitteeForest Lands Taxation Advisory Committee	0.0025 FTE per advisory council <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review advisory council and make recommendations on retention or elimination	0 FTE* <i>*If no committee member requests review</i>	
Review agency legislation	0.0025 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Committee reviews proposals from DOR and MTAB and decides if staff should draft legislation for pre-introduction		
Revenue estimating and monitoring	0.0025 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BReceive presentations from economists and forecasters in August 2026 in preparation for November adoption of revenue estimate	0.001 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Quarterly report or General Fund update, as appropriate2029 Biennium Revenue Outlook (summer 2026)2029 Biennium Revenue Estimate and Comparison to Executive (November 2026)	
<i>Review proposed ballot initiatives</i>	<i>Committee may be required to hold additional committee meetings to review but issue is under litigation</i>		
Department of Revenue required reports (see full list in draft work plan)	0.01 FTE (assuming 2 reports result in legislation) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review reportMake recommendations about whether to keep receiving reportMake recommendations about topic of report (based on content of report)Request legislation based on recommendations	0.0025 FTE (total for all DOR reports) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review report provided by Department of Revenue	
Film Tax Credit report	0.005 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BRequest legislation on agency or committee recommendations	0.001 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Committee reviews report, receives agency recommendations, and decides whether to make additional committee recommendations	
Receipts Less Than Revenue Projections report	As needed/0.002 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Committee receives report of receipts less than projected revenue and, within 20 days, provides budget director with recommendations on amount of receipts		

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Review tax credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Residential property tax credit for the elderlyCredit for unlocking state landsJob growth incentive tax creditCredit for trades education and training	0.075 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BReview other states for similar credits and compare to Montana		0.06 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of credit including legislative history, intended purposeAnalysis of who benefits from credit (incl. non-residents) and timing of costs and benefitsAnalysis of whether credit changes taxpayer decisions (look to before credit existed)Consider impacts of elimination of creditConsider economic impact of creditStaff report summarizing the credits reviewed and recommendationsCommittee legislation to make recommended changes		
Assigned Study: Senate Joint Resolution No. 8					
Option A 0.25 FTE	Option B 0.15 FTE		Option C 0.05 FTE	Option D	Resources Allocated
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BConsider impacts of limits on special districts and how they would affect mill-based and non-mill-based special districtsIdentify additional special district data of interest and develop collection methods Deliverables <ul style="list-style-type: none">New white papers on financing, reporting requirements, and data availabilityRecommendation on data availability and reporting requirementsAnalysis of impact of special district limitsLegislationFinal report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Option CCategorize special district types by financing mechanism and whether they are subject to maximum mill levy calculation in 15-10-420Review existing reports for availability and format of special district informationConsider sufficiency of reporting requirements Deliverables <ul style="list-style-type: none">New white papers on financing, reporting requirements, and data availabilityRecommendation on reporting requirementsLegislationFinal report		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review existing materials and data on special districtsPanel with special district representatives<u>Department of Administration</u> presentation on special district reporting*<u>Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)</u> presentation on existing special district data* Deliverables <ul style="list-style-type: none">Final report	No action	
Member-Suggested Topics					
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Property Tax Topics					
Consider uniform property tax rate	Sen. Fern.	0.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BState survey of property tax ratesDecide whether to recommend rate changesDraft legislation	0.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Request <u>LFD or DOR</u> modeling of options for uniform property tax rate*Request stakeholder input on options	No action	
Study class four property appraisal	Sen. Fern	0.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review legislative history of 2-year appraisal cycle (<u>SB 157</u> in 2015)State survey of appraisal methods for residential and commercial propertyConsider whether to revise appraisal methods	0.001 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>DOR</u> overview of appraisal methods*Review DOR report “Measuring the Qualify of Reappraisal”	No action	
Monitor implementation of SB 542/HB 231	Rep. Brewster Sen. Beard	0.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BMonitor impact on state and local governmentsConsider property tax revisions	0.02 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of billsDOR updates on administration of billsStakeholders and DOR to identify issuesConsider impact of graduated tax rates on DOR taxable value neutral report	No action	

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Property taxation of utilities	Rep. Brewster	0.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BAnalyze impact on utility ratepayers	0.03 FTE Overview of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">centrally assessed property valuation and taxation (<i>DOR</i>)*how value is divided among taxing jurisdictions (<i>DOR</i>)*property tax tracker	No action	
Sunset or reapproval of existing property tax levies (<i>SB 204</i>)	Sen. Beard	0.15 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BCompile list of local voted leviesDraft legislation	0.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of billStakeholder panel	No action	
Revise voter approval of property tax levies and bonds (<i>SB 205</i>)	Sen. Beard	0.15 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BAnalyze voted levy election resultsDraft legislation	0.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of billStakeholder panel	No action	
Review pollution control equipment exemption and local tax abatements	Sen. Fern	0.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BAnalyze impact of exemption and abatements	0.02 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of pollution control equipment exemption and local abatement laws<i>DEQ</i> presentation on qualifying for pollution control equipment exemption*	No action	
Other Tax Topics					
Expand sales tax model (Possible coordination with MARA)	Sen. Fern	0.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BConsider modeling of use of sales tax revenueWork with <i>LFD</i> to implement model changes*	0.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Detailed review of <i>LFD</i> dashboard and <i>DOR</i> model*Consider how to present tax base options in model	No action	
Monitor <i>HB 924</i> (Growth and Opportunity Trust)	Sen. Fern	0.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BReview state property tax assistance and align statutes with SB 542/HB 231 (if necessary)Draft legislation	0.03 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of bill<i>LFD</i> to identify volatile revenue in revenue estimateMonitor state property tax assistance account	No action	
Updates from School Funding Interim Commission on school funding revenue discussions	Sen. Beard	0.03 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Updates from SFIC staff or RIC staff and Sen. Beard		No action	
Income Tax Topics					
Review income tax benefits for veterans	Rep. Brewster	0.03 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BConsider whether to revise benefitsDraft legislation	0.02 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review and document veteran income tax benefits	No action	

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Additional agenda items or educational topics					
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Monitor federal tax law changes for state impacts	Staff suggested	0.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option BJoint meeting with LFC (<i>tentatively in October 2025</i>)Prepare legislation for special session, if desired	0.03 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Track federal tax legislation and identify provisions that may impact MontanaAnalyze revenue impact of federal tax provisions (<i>LFD and DOR</i>)*	No action	
Modernization and Risk Analysis Committee updates	Staff suggested	0.03 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff to attend/watch relevant portions of MARA meetingsReceive updates from MARA staff or RIC staff on MARA topics that relate to taxationReceive updates from RIC presiding officers if they attend MARA meetings		No action	
Total Resources Available					1 FTE

*Request of agency other than Legislative Services

FTE available to RIC

.01 FTE = 17 hours = 2 days
.05 FTE = 86 hours = 11 days
.10 FTE = 172 hours = 22 days
.25 FTE = 430 hours = 52 days
.50 FTE = 860 hours = 108 days
.75 FTE = 1290 hours = 161 days
1 Interim FTE = 1720 hours = 215 days