

2025-2026 Revenue Interim Committee Work Plan Decision Matrix – For discussion at September meeting			
Statutory Duties			
Topic	Option A	Option B	Resources Allocated
Monitor Department of Revenue (DOR)	<b>0.005 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agency updates at each meeting on topics selected by agency, staff, and committee members</li> </ul>		<b>0.005 FTE</b>
Monitor Montana Tax Appeal Board (MTAB)	<b>0.0025 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agency updates at each meeting on topics selected by agency, staff, and committee members</li> </ul>	<b>0.001 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agency updates at <i>alternating meetings</i> on topics selected by agency, staff, and committee members</li> </ul>	<b>0.001 FTE</b>
Review administrative rules	<b>0.05 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option B</li> <li>Committee receives copies of rules from agencies for personal review</li> </ul>	<b>0.04 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal staff provides RIC a brief written description of each proposed or adopted rule prior to each meeting with issues of concern noted</li> <li>Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information</li> </ul>	<b>0.040 FTE</b>
Review statutorily established advisory councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multistate Tax Compact advisory council</li> <li>Agricultural Advisory Committee</li> <li>Forest Lands Taxation Advisory Committee</li> </ul>	<b>0.0025 FTE per advisory council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review advisory council and make recommendations on retention or elimination</li> </ul>	<b>0 FTE*</b> <i>*If no committee member requests review</i>	<b>0 FTE</b>
Review agency legislation	<b>0.0025 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee reviews proposals from DOR and MTAB and decides if staff should draft legislation for pre-introduction</li> </ul>		<b>0.0025 FTE</b>
Revenue estimating and monitoring	<b>0.0025 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option B</li> <li>Receive presentations from economists and forecasters in August 2026 in preparation for November adoption of revenue estimate</li> </ul>	<b>0.001 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly report or General Fund update, as appropriate</li> <li>2029 Biennium Revenue Outlook (summer 2026)</li> <li>2029 Biennium Revenue Estimate and Comparison to Executive (November 2026)</li> </ul>	<b>0.001 FTE</b>
Review proposed ballot initiatives	Committee may be required to hold additional committee meetings to review but issue is under litigation		<b>0 FTE</b>
Department of Revenue required reports (see full list in draft work plan)	<b>0.01 FTE (assuming 2 reports result in legislation)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review report</li> <li>Make recommendations about whether to keep receiving report</li> <li>Make recommendations about topic of report (based on content of report)</li> <li>Request legislation based on recommendations</li> </ul>	<b>0.0025 FTE (total for all DOR reports)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review report provided by Department of Revenue</li> </ul>	<b>0.0025 FTE</b>
Film Tax Credit report	<b>0.005 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option B</li> <li>Request legislation on agency or committee recommendations</li> </ul>	<b>0.001 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee reviews report, receives agency recommendations, and decides whether to make additional committee recommendations</li> </ul>	<b>0.001 FTE</b>
Receipts Less Than Revenue Projections report	<b>As needed/0.002 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee receives report of receipts less than projected revenue and, within 20 days, provides budget director with recommendations on amount of receipts</li> </ul>		<b>0 FTE</b>

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<b>Review tax credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Residential property tax credit for the elderly</li><li>Credit for unlocking state lands</li><li>Job growth incentive tax credit</li><li>Credit for trades education and training</li></ul>	<b>0.075 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Option B</li><li>For residential property tax credit for the elderly <u>only</u>: review other states for similar credits and compare to Montana</li></ul>		<b>0.06 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Overview of credit including legislative history, intended purpose</li><li>Analysis of who benefits from credit (incl. non-residents) and timing of costs and benefits</li><li>Analysis of whether credit changes taxpayer decisions (look to before credit existed)</li><li>Consider impacts of elimination of credit</li><li>Consider economic impact of credit</li><li>Staff report summarizing the credits reviewed and recommendations</li><li>Committee legislation to make recommended changes</li></ul>	<b>0.075 FTE</b>	
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"><li>Option B</li><li>Consider impacts of limits on special districts and how they would affect mill-based and non-mill-based special districts</li><li>Identify additional special district data of interest and develop collection methods</li></ul> <b>Deliverables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New white papers on financing, reporting requirements, and data availability</li><li>Recommendation on data availability and reporting requirements</li><li>Analysis of impact of special district limits</li><li>Legislation</li><li>Final report</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Option C</li><li>Categorize special district types by financing mechanism and whether they are subject to maximum mill levy calculation in 15-10-420</li><li>Review existing reports for availability and format of special district information</li><li>Consider sufficiency of reporting requirements</li></ul> <b>Deliverables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New white papers on financing, reporting requirements, and data availability</li><li>Recommendation on reporting requirements</li><li>Legislation</li><li>Final report</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review existing materials and data on special districts</li><li>Panel with special district representatives</li><li><u>Department of Administration</u> presentation on special district reporting*</li><li><u>Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)</u> presentation on existing special district data*</li></ul> <b>Deliverables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Final report</li></ul>	No action	<b>0.25 FTE</b>
Member-Suggested Topics					
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Property Tax Topics					
Study classification system and consider uniform property tax rate	Sen. Fern, Montana Taxpayers Association	<b>0.10 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Option B</li><li>Detailed overview of each class, including a tax rate history</li><li>State survey of property tax rates</li><li>Decide whether to recommend rate changes</li><li>Draft legislation</li></ul>	<b>0.05 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Request <u>LFD or DOR</u> modeling of options for uniform property tax rate and/or class consolidation*</li><li>Request stakeholder input on options</li></ul>	<b>No action</b>	<b>0.10 FTE</b>
Study class four property appraisal	Sen. Fern	<b>0.05 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review legislative history of 2-year appraisal cycle (<u>SB 157</u> in 2015)</li><li>State survey of appraisal methods for residential and commercial property</li><li>Consider whether to revise appraisal methods</li></ul>	<b>0.001 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>DOR</u> overview of appraisal methods*</li><li>Review DOR report “Measuring the Quality of Reappraisal”</li></ul>	<b>No action</b>	

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Monitor implementation of SB 542/HB 231	Rep. Brewster, Sen. Beard	<div>0.05 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Option B</li><li>Monitor impact on state and local governments<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Home value language for voted levies</li></ul></li><li>Consider property tax revisions</li></ul>	<div>0.02 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Overview of bills</li><li>DOR updates on administration of bills</li><li>Stakeholders and DOR to identify issues</li><li>Consider impact of graduated tax rates on DOR taxable value neutral report</li></ul>	No action	0.05 FTE
Property taxation of utilities, telecoms, and refineries	Rep. Brewster	<div>0.05 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Option B</li><li>Analyze impact on utility ratepayers</li></ul>	<div>0.03 FTE</div> <div>Overview of:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>centrally assessed property valuation and taxation (<i>DOR</i>)*</li><li>how value is divided among taxing jurisdictions (<i>DOR</i>)*</li><li>property tax tracker</li></ul>	No action	0.03 FTE
Gather data on voted property tax levies ( <i>SB 204</i> )	Sen. Beard	<div>0.12 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Option B</li><li>Compile list of local voted levies</li></ul>	<div>0.01 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Overview of SB 204</li></ul>	No action	0.12 FTE
Revise voter approval of property tax levies and bonds ( <i>SB 205</i> )	Sen. Beard	<div>0.15 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Option B</li><li>Analyze voted levy election results</li><li>Draft legislation</li></ul>	<div>0.01 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Overview of bill</li><li>Stakeholder panel</li></ul>	No action	
Review pollution control equipment exemption and local tax abatements	Sen. Fern	<div>0.05 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Option B</li><li>Analyze impact of exemption and abatements</li></ul>	<div>0.02 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Overview of pollution control equipment exemption and local abatement laws</li><li><i>DEQ</i> presentation on qualifying for pollution control equipment exemption*</li></ul>	No action	
Other Tax Topics					
Expand sales tax model <i>(Possible coordination with MARA)</i>	Sen. Fern	<div>0.10 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Option B</li><li>Consider modeling of use of sales tax revenue</li><li>Work with <i>LFD</i> to implement model changes*</li></ul>	<div>0.05 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Detailed review of <i>LFD</i> dashboard and <i>DOR</i> model*</li><li>Consider how to present tax base options in model</li></ul>	No action	
Monitor <i>HB 924</i> (Growth and Opportunity Trust)	Sen. Fern	<div>0.05 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Option B</li><li>Review state property tax assistance and align statutes with SB 542/HB 231 (if necessary)</li><li>Draft legislation</li></ul>	<div>0.03 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Overview of bill</li><li><i>LFD</i> to identify volatile revenue in revenue estimate</li><li>Monitor state property tax assistance account</li></ul>	No action	0.05 FTE
Updates from School Funding Interim Commission on school funding revenue discussions	Sen. Beard	<div>0.03 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updates from SFIC staff or RIC staff and Sen. Beard</li></ul>		No action	0.03 FTE
Income Tax Topics					
Review income and property tax benefits for veterans	Rep. Brewster	<div>0.05 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Option B</li><li>Consider whether to revise benefits</li><li>Draft legislation</li></ul>	<div>0.02 FTE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review and document veteran tax benefits</li></ul>	No action	0.05 FTE

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Additional agenda items or educational topics					
Agenda Item	Source	Option A	Option B	Option C	Resources Allocated
Monitor federal tax law changes for state impacts	Staff suggested	<b>0.05 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option B</li> <li>Prepare legislation for special session, if desired</li> </ul>	<b>0.03 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track federal tax legislation and identify provisions that may impact Montana</li> <li>Analyze revenue impact of federal tax provisions (<i>LFD and DOR</i>)*</li> <li>Joint meeting with Legislative Finance Committee (October 2025)</li> </ul>	<b>No action</b>	<b>0.03 FTE</b>
Modernization and Risk Analysis Committee updates	Staff suggested	<b>0.03 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff to attend/watch relevant portions of MARA meetings</li> <li>Receive updates from MARA staff or RIC staff on MARA topics that relate to taxation</li> <li>Receive updates from RIC presiding officers if they attend MARA meetings</li> </ul>		<b>No action</b>	<b>0.03 FTE</b>
<b>Total Resources Allocated</b>					<b>0.87 FTE</b>
<b>Total Resources Available</b>					<b>1.00 FTE</b>

\*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