

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

SJ HJ	Rank	Points	Study Short Title	Committee
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

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	
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 	
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.) 	

Education Interim Committee	
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 	
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 	
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 	

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 	
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. 	
State-Tribal Relations Committee	
Statutory duties: 5-5-202, 5-5-215, and 5-5-229, MCA	
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	
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. 	
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. 	
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 	
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	
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	
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

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

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