

HJ 74: Study of Water Reuse Systems

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE
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HJ 74: STUDY STRATEGY

JULY 30 COMMITTEE DECISION:

HJ 74 requests a study to:

- Review existing statutes and rules related to water reuse and existing water reuse infrastructure; and
- Examine methods used in other states and various industries that may benefit from water reuse systems.

Option C (LOW)

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- Panel discussion
- Staff background paper/presentation on water reuse systems and what is currently allowed in Montana
- Potential legislation
- Include review, discussion, and investigation of water storage capabilities

SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 20, 2025

- Staff summary of basic water reuse systems and concepts
- Provide copies of “Water Reuse in the West” report from Western States Water Council
 - Includes review of other states’ permitting processes
- Department of Environmental Protection presentation of current permitting processes and system examples

NEXT STEPS

January 2026 meeting:

- Panel discussion of persons who have successfully permitted a reuse system in Montana and out of state examples
- Begin review of past WPIC water storage study and work
 - Include potential updates of work or developments completed after past WPIC study
- Solicit additional direction and focus from committee members

May 2026 meeting:

- If a field meeting, the committee may have the opportunity to visit a water reuse or a water storage site.