

# HJ 44: Study of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals & Water Quality

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE  
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## HJ 44: STUDY STRATEGY

### JULY 30 COMMITTEE DECISION:

#### HJ 44 requests a study to:

- Review the documented health risks associated with human consumption of endocrine-disrupting chemicals present in water;
- Examine if the state is taking sufficient steps to protect citizens from those risks; and
- Identify the sources and prevalence of endocrine-disrupting chemicals in the state.

#### Option C (LOW)

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- Update from DEQ on past work on topic
- Receive existing research materials from stakeholders

## SCHEDULED

### OCTOBER 20, 2025

- Department of Environmental Quality presentation of PFAS-related programs, research, and ongoing efforts
- Staff compiled list of links to PFAS-related research
  - Includes information from the Environmental Protection Agency, Centers for Disease Control, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Working Group, Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council, National Groundwater Association, National Council of State Legislatures, and Montana Firefighters Association
  - Includes a list of legislation currently introduced in the 119<sup>th</sup> US Congress (2025-2026)

## NEXT STEPS

The presentation and resources provided at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting fulfills the suggested study outline adopted at the July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The committee may suggest additional work, with direction to staff, but may need to adjust time allotted to other studies and topics to account for additional time.