



Montana Legislative Services Division

Office of Research and Policy Analysis

SELECTION & ASSIGNMENT OF INTERIM STUDIES – MAY 2025

The selection of interim studies is established by legislative rule and law. Studies are requested by resolution and those that pass both chambers are ranked by members in a survey after session. (Study bills must be completed and are not subject to the ranking).

The law and Legislative Council policy establish the following:

1. The Legislative Services Division sends each legislator a list of study resolutions adopted by both houses. Legislators prioritize each study request in order of importance, with "1" being the most important.
2. Legislators complete survey by **May 19, 2025**.
3. The Legislative Council considers the results of the survey, committee budgets, and committee staff resources. A study assigned by bill takes priority over a study requested by resolution. The Council selects and assigns the studies to be conducted to the appropriate interim committee.
5. Interim committees are appointed. Each interim committee is composed of members of each chamber.
6. The presiding officer and vice presiding officer, who must be of different political parties, are elected by the members of the interim committee at the organizational meeting.
7. Each committee adopts a work plan and dedicates its resources and time to the studies, agency oversight, and other issues. Legislative Council rules require interim study work be completed prior to **September 15, 2026**.