

The Council of State Governments

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Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 11, part 3, MCA

Section 5-11-304, MCA, authorizes the Legislative Council to facilitate Montana's participation in "appropriate interstate, international, and intergovernmental entities".

Montana is one of 13 states participating in the Council of State Governments-*West* (CSG-*West*). CSG-*West* provides a "nonpartisan platform for regional cooperation and collaboration among the legislatures of the thirteen western states by creating opportunities for legislators and staff to share ideas and experience with their colleagues".² The fundamental work of the CSG is accomplished through policy study committees with legislative representatives from each of the participating states.

The Legislative Council has appointed legislators to 2-year terms as members of the following CSG-*West* committees.

Membership

Committee	Senate Members		House Members	
Education	Branae Hawks	Stewart- Peregoy	Bill Beck Lake	Pease- Lopez
Energy and Environment	Black Brown Curtiss Essmann Hawks	Jackson Jent Larsen McGee Stewart- Peregoy	Hands	O'Hara
Fiscal Affairs	Balyeat	Tutvedt	Bill Beck Lake	Sands

² <http://www.csgwest.org>

Committee	Senate Members		House Members	
Legislative Council on River Governance	Barrett Brenden ³ Curtiss	Gallus Hamlett McGee	Furey	Welborn
Future of Western Legislatures	Balyeat Barrett	Schmidt	Himmelberger	Malek
Trade and Transportation	Balyeat Essmann Keane	Larsen Tutvedt	Bill Beck French	Reichner
Water and Public Lands	Barrett Brenden Hamlett	Jent Kaufmann McGee	Menahan	Washburn
WESTRENDS Board	Gillan			

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³ Voting members are noted in bold.