# Interim Directory of Legislative Committees and Activities

**Includes Other Committees** on Which Legislators Serve

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# Legislative Council and Legislative Services Division

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http://leg.mt.gov/css/committees/administration/legislative council/2011-12/default.asp

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 11, MCA Article V, section 10(4), Montana Constitution

The Legislative Council is a statutory, bipartisan, standing committee of the Legislature. It consists of six members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives, including the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the minority leaders from each house. The Council provides ongoing leadership, direction, and foresight for the efficient operation and improvement of the Legislative Branch. It is also the administrative committee for the Legislative Services Division (LSD).

Some of the specific duties described in Title 5, chapter 11, MCA, include:

- adopting rules governing personnel management for the Legislative Branch, including rules for employee classification and pay with the concurrence of the Legislative Audit and Legislative Finance Committees;
- appointing the Executive Director of the LSD;
- establishing time schedules and deadlines for interim committees, including dates for requesting legislation and completing interim work;
- assisting the LSD in providing oversight of the state governmental broadcasting service;
- appointing legislators to serve as members of interstate, international, and intergovernmental entities based on recommendations made by legislative leadership; and
- approving the biennial Legislative Branch information technology plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A member serving based on the member's leadership position who is in the last biennium of service because of term limits may appoint a legislator who is not term-limited to serve in place of the term-limited member.

# Other Statutory Responsibilities

Sections 1-11-203,1-11-301, and 1-11-302, MCA	Require the Legislative Council to provide general supervision of and policy direction to the Code Commissioner and to make decisions on the printing and cost of the Montana Code Annotated.
Sections 1-12-101 and 1-12-102, MCA	Require the Legislative Council to appoint commissioners to the Montana Commission on Uniform State Laws. The Council may accept recommendations for appointments from the State Bar of Montana, the Montana Judges' Association, and the Dean of the University of Montana law school.
Sections 2-1-406 and 2- 1-408, MCA	In considering the legality or cost-effectiveness of a federal mandate, federal statute, or state program, the Governor may request assistance from the Legislative Council or its staff. Assistance is at the discretion of the Council.
Section 2-15-1808, MCA	Requires the Legislative Council to provide compensation to the legislative liaisons to the Montana Board of Investments.
Section 2-17-101, MCA	Provides for the Legislative Council to advise the Department of Administration (DOA) in the allocation of space, except for the House and Senate Chambers, for the use of the Legislature.
Section 2-17-518, MCA	Requires the Legislative Council to adopt adequate rules for the use of information technology resources as a part of the Legislative Branch computer system plan.
Sections 2-17-805 and 2-17-825, MCA	The Legislative Council provides advice to the DOA in establishing and maintaining a long-range master plan for the orderly development of the capitol complex. The Council may prepare a written report of its activities and recommendations related to its duties to assist the Legislature in determining whether the recommendations should be implemented.
Section 2-18-201, MCA	Requires the Legislative Council to institute a broadband classification plan for employees of the Legislative Branch, other than those of the Office of Consumer Counsel.
Section 5-2-201, MCA	The Legislative Council designates the time for holding the presession caucuses.

Section 5-2-503, MCA

Legislative Branch entities defined as consolidated under section 5-2-504, MCA, must, among other requirements, follow the administrative policies adopted by and submit its budget proposals through the Legislative Council. The Senate and the House of Representatives or a consolidated entity with statutory hiring authority may hire its own personnel subject to administrative procedures established by the Legislature and Legislative Council. The Legislative Council allocates office space occupied by the Legislative Branch for these consolidated entities.

Section 5-4-204(4)(a), MCA

The Legislative Services Division must provide the form for a sponsor who elects to prepare a sponsor's fiscal note rebuttal.

Section 5-5-202, MCA

If there is a dispute between interim committees as to which committee has proper jurisdiction over a subject, the Legislative Council will make the determination. An interim committee may petition the Legislative Council for jurisdiction of an entity that is attached to an agency for administrative purposes under the jurisdiction of another interim committee, and the Council may shift the assignments unless otherwise provided by law.

Section 5-5-211, MCA

If the interim committee workload requires, the Legislative Council may request the appointing authority for interim committee members to appoint one or two additional interim committee members from the majority party and the minority party.

Section 5-5-217, MCA

Gives the Legislative Council the authority to select studies to be conducted during the interim and to assign the studies to the appropriate interim committees.

Sections 5-6-103, 5-6-107, and 5-6-108, MCA Provide that the Legislative Council assigns and establishes quidelines for legislative interns.

Section 5-13-305(3), MCA

Requires the Legislative Auditor to inform the Legislative Council and the Legislative Audit Committee in writing of an administrative policy or rule adopted under section 5-11-105, MCA, that may impair the independence of the division. The Legislative Council must review the rule in question and adopt a revision that is generally applicable to the Legislative Branch and that is designed to correct the policy or rule.

The Legislative Council serves as the appropriate legislative Section 77-2-302, MCA

committee for consultation with the Board of Land

Commissioners regarding the disposal, sale, or exchange of

certain state lands.

Section 90-1-132, MCA The State-Tribal Economic Development Commission must

> provide to the Governor, to the Legislative Council, to the Legislative Auditor, and to each of the presiding officers of the tribal governments in Montana a biennial report that

summarizes the activities of the Commission.

Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 380, Laws of 2011

Establish a Select Committee on Efficiency in Government. Require the committee to report to the Legislative Council, the Legislative Finance Committee, and the Legislative Audit Committee if requested or if considered advisable by the

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The Legislative Services Division (LSD) is an independent, nonpartisan, impartial agency of the Legislative Branch, performing those duties and functions assigned by law or as directed or requested by legislators or legislative committees.

The LSD is divided into five offices: the Central Services Office, the Office of Research and Policy Analysis, the Legal Services Office, the Office of Legislative Information Technology, and the Legislative Environmental Policy Office.

The **Central Services Office** staff is responsible for general LSD administration, purchasing, publication distribution, payroll and personnel matters, final preparation of LSD documents (including engrossing and enrolling of bills and preparation of introduced bills), legislative printing and distribution, and legislator information and telecommunications.

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The Office of Research and Policy Analysis has primary responsibility for staffing interim committees, providing reference services, and staffing a library that provides access to items of special interest to legislators and Legislative Branch staff. The Legal Services Office is responsible for compiling, updating and editing the Montana Code Annotated and preparing the Annotations under the supervision of the Code Commissioner. The

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Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 13, MCA Article V, section 10(4), Montana Constitution

The Legislative Audit Committee is a bicameral and bipartisan standing committee of the Montana Legislature. It consists of six members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives. The Audit Committee appoints, consults with, and advises the Legislative Auditor. The Audit Committee reviews the audit reports submitted by the Legislative Auditor, releases the audit reports to the public, and serves as the conduit between the Legislative Auditor and the Legislature.

#### Other Statutory Responsibilities of the Legislative Audit Committee

Sections 2-8-105(2) and
2-8-112, MCA

Provide for the Governor to submit to the Audit Committee a list of recommendations for agencies and programs to be terminated and subject to a performance audit during the next biennium. The Committee reviews each agency or program scheduled for termination and submits its recommendations to the next Legislature.

Sections 2-8-302 and 2-8-304, MCA

Require that before an agency may privatize a program, it must prepare a privatization plan. The Audit Committee conducts a public hearing on the proposed plan and at least 30 days prior to the proposed implementation date, votes to recommend approval or disapproval of the privatization plan to the Governor. The recommendation of the Committee is advisory only.

Section 2-15-2224, MCA

Provides that if directed by the Audit Committee, the Legislative Audit Division may provide information concerning the accuracy of data collection and reporting that supports performance measure data collection at the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Section 5-11-105(1)(b) and (1)(c), MCA

Requires that with the concurrence of the Audit Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee, the Legislative Council adopt rules for classification and pay of Legislative Branch employees, other than those of the Office of Consumer Counsel.

With the concurrence of the Audit Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee, the Legislative Council adopts rules governing personnel management of Branch employees, other than those of the Office of Consumer Counsel.

Section 5-13-305(3), MCA

Requires the Legislative Auditor to inform the Legislative Council and the Audit Committee in writing of an administrative policy or rule adopted under section 5-11-105, MCA, that may impair the independence of the division. The Legislative Council must review the rule in question and adopt a revision that is generally applicable to the Legislative Branch and that is designed to correct the policy or rule.

Section 17-7-160(3), MCA

Requires the Department of Justice each fiscal year to provide to the Audit Committee a detailed report on all positions in the Montana Highway Patrol.

Section 17-7-161(3), MCA

Requires the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks each fiscal year to provide to the Audit Committee a detailed report on all authorized game warden positions in the Department.

Section 17-7-162, MCA

Requires the Board of Public Education provide the Audit Committee with a detailed report on all authorized positions in the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

Sections 23-7-411 and 23-7-412, MCA

After the first 9 months of sales to the public and every 2 years after that, the Legislative Audit Division conducts a comprehensive audit of all aspects of security in the operation of the lottery. Specific audit findings relating to security invasion techniques are confidential and may be reported only to the Audit Committee, the Director of the lottery, the Lottery Commission, the Attorney General, and the Governor.

Section 39-71-2361, MCA Provides that the Insurance Commissioner review the state fund financial and compliance audit and rate review and report any concerns or recommendations based on the review to the Governor, the Audit Committee, and the Economic Affairs Interim Committee.

Section 53-1-203(3), MCA

Prior to entering into a contract for a period not to exceed 20 years, the Department of Corrections submits the proposed contract to the Legislative Audit Committee. The Legislative Audit Division reviews the contract and make recommendations or comments to the Legislative Audit Committee. The Committee may submit comments and recommendations to the Department.

Section 53-30-608(1), MCA

Allows the Audit Committee to request the Legislative Audit Division to review the procedures by which a contract to a private correctional facility was awarded and to review the contract prior to execution.

Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 380, Laws of 2011 Establish a Select Committee on Efficiency in Government. Provide that the select committee may request specific audits from the Audit Committee. Require the committee to report to the Legislative Council, the Legislative Finance Committee, and the Legislative Audit Committee if requested or if considered advisable by the committee.

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The Audit Committee appoints the Legislative Auditor, who heads the Legislative Audit Division (LAD). Through financial-compliance, performance, and information system audits, LAD staffs perform independent audits and provide factual and objective information to the legislative and executive managers of the public trust.

Specifically, an audit of a state agency is conducted to determine whether the agency is properly managing expenditures, using funds only to further authorized activities and in accordance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations; whether the agency is properly accounting for all revenues, receipts, and expenditures arising from its activities; whether the agency is accurately reporting and fully disclosing its financial status and the scope of its activities and operations to the Governor, the Legislature, and central control agencies; whether the agency is efficiently carrying out the activities and programs authorized by the Legislature; and whether the agency is adequately safeguarding and controlling its assets and using them efficiently.

Section 5-13-311, MCA, provides for a toll-free hotline to the LAD that Montana residents may use in reporting fraud, waste, and abuse in state government. The LAD is responsible for maintaining the hotline, reviewing all calls received, keeping a record of each call, analyzing and verifying the information relayed in the call, and potentially conducting additional work to document the activity. The Legislative Auditor is required to periodically update the Committee on the use of the hotline, results of the reviews, verifications, referrals, and any corrective action taken by the appropriate agency. The hotline number is 1-800-222-4446 outside Helena and 444-4446 from a Helena location.

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Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 12, MCA

The Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) is a statutory, bipartisan, standing committee of the Montana Legislature. It consists of four members of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee appointed by that committee's chair, two members of the Senate appointed at large by the Committee on Committees, four members of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee appointed by that committee's chair, and two members of the House appointed at large by the Speaker.

The LFC appoints a Legislative Fiscal Analyst whose duties are to head the Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD); provide information regarding state government financial matters; assist in estimating revenue from state taxes, fees, and other sources; analyze the executive budget; assist the Revenue and Transportation Committee in performing its revenue-estimating duties; and generally assist the Legislature in all matters of compiling and analyzing financial information.

#### Other Statutory Responsibilities

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# Senate Joint Resolution

No. 26

Requests the Legislative Finance Committee, in cooperation with the Legislative Council, to recommend to appropriate

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http://leg.mt.gov/cfhhs or

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Statutory Citation: Section 5-5-225, MCA

The Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee (CFHHS) is a joint bipartisan committee of the Legislature that meets between legislative sessions. The CFHHS monitors the activities of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS); conducts interim studies; and generally reviews issues related to health and human services.

#### Other Statutory Responsibilities

Section 2-15-225, MCA	Requires the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) to develop and implement benchmarks for state prevention programs for at-risk children and families. The ICC is required to report on these efforts to the CFHHS Committee.
Section 2-15-2225, MCA	Calls for the DPHHS to report performance data to the CFHHS Committee and the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning. The CFHHS Committee must use the performance data to review the DPHHS's strategic planning documents as they relate to prospective legislation.
Section 5-5-215(1)(d), MCA	States that interim committees must review statutorily established advisory councils and required reports of assigned agencies to make recommendations to the next Legislature on retention or elimination.
Section 37-3-203(3), MCA	Mandates that the Board of Medical Examiners report to the CFHHS Committee by August 1 of each year on the number and types of complaints filed over physician practices in providing written certification for use of marijuana for a debilitating medical condition.
Section 37-7-1502 and 37-7-1514, MCA	Create a prescription drug registry and require the Board of Pharmacy to report to the appropriate interim committees after the registry is created on its costs and uses.

Section 46-23-210, MCA	Before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the Board of Pardons and Parole and the Department of Corrections must report to the CFHHS Committee and the Law and Justice Interim Committee regarding the outcome related to any person released on medical parole since the last report, including health care costs and payments related to the care of the person released.
Section 50-4-805, MCA	Requires the DPHHS to provide regular interim reports on the status of the grant program for community health centers and program expenditures to the CFHHS and Legislative Finance Committees.
Section 50-46-343, MCA	Requires the CFHHS Committee to provide oversight of DPHHS activities related to the marijuana registry program and the new medical marijuana law. Also requires the Committee to identify issues that may need future legislative attention and develop legislation for the next regular session of the Legislature.
Section 52-2-311, MCA	Provides that the DPHHS must report biannually to the CFHHS Committee on the out-of-state placement of children with mental health needs.
Section 53-1-714, MCA	Requires the DPHHS to provide a biennial report on the statewide 2-1-1 system to the CFHHS Committee and to the Legislature.
Section 53-2-215, MCA	Calls for the DPHHS to present a section 1115 waiver proposal to the House Appropriations Committee or, during the interim, the CFHHS Committee after final approval from the federal government.
Section 53-4-209(6), MCA	Provides that the DPHHS must report annually to the CFHHS and Legislative Finance Committees on the agency's efforts related to the Parents as Scholars Program that is available to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients.

Section 53-6-710, MCA

Establishes procedures for the DPHHS to follow to enter into any Medicaid managed care contract. Requires the associated advisory council to submit a report of its findings related to the public comment process to the appropriate interim or legislative committee, the Legislative Auditor's Office, and the DPHHS.

Section 53-21-702, MCA

Mandates that the Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council provide a summary of each meeting and a copy of any recommendations made to the DPHHS to the Legislative Finance Committee and any other designated appropriate legislative interim committee.

Section 53-21-1102, MCA Requires the DPHHS to develop a suicide reduction plan and report on the plan to the CFHHS Committee.

Section 1, Chapter 114, Laws of 2011 Requires the state Insurance Commissioner to report to the CFHHS Committee by August 1, 2012, on the costs and benefits of creating a statewide database of health insurance claims filed by all insured Montanans based on an analysis conducted by the Commissioner and an advisory committee.

Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 338, Laws of 2011 Require the state Insurance Commissioner to coordinate with the CFHHS Committee in a study of how health insurance companies treat cancer patients who are eligible for clinical cancer trials and present its results to the committee on or before March 31, 2012. The Committee must consider whether legislation is needed to ensure equitable treatment of cancer patients involved in clinical trials.

#### Membership

Joint Rule 30-70

At least 50% of the members must have served on the following session standing committees:

House Appropriations
House Human Services
Senate Finance and Claims
Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Safety

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House Joint Resolution

Study childhood hunger.

No. 8

Senate Joint Resolution

Study childhood health trauma.

No. 30

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# **Districting and Apportionment Commission**

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Statutory Citation: Sections 5-1-101 and 5-1-102, MCA

Article V, section 14, Montana Constitution

The Districting and Apportionment Commission has authority under the Montana Constitution to draw the boundaries of congressional and legislative districts every 10 years using population data from the most recent U.S. Census. Montana is one of only thirteen states that give the primary responsibility for drawing legislative districts to a commission.

After results from the federal census are available, the Commission must complete a Congressional redistricting plan within 90 days. The current Commission completed this task on May 16, 2011, and filed the one-district plan with the Office of the Secretary of State.

The legislative redistricting plan will be presented to the 2013 Legislature for review and recommendations. The Legislature has 30 days to make recommendations to the Commission. Within 30 days of receiving the Legislature's recommendations, the Commission must file the redistricting plan with the Secretary of State and it becomes law. Although the Commission may modify the plan to accommodate the Legislature's recommendations, it is not required to do so. The legislative plan will be in effect for the 2014 election cycle.

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Statutory Citation: Section 5-5-223, MCA

The Economic Affairs Interim Committee is a joint bipartisan committee of the Montana Legislature that meets during the interim between legislative sessions. The Committee conducts interim studies and generally reviews issues related to economic development. It also monitors the programs and functions of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Labor and Industry, and Livestock, as well as the Office of the State Auditor and Insurance Commissioner, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, and the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

## Other Statutory Responsibilities

Section 2-8-404, MCA	Before January 1 of each even-numbered year, a legislative interim committee responsible for monitoring licensing boards and programs must notify the department to which licensing boards or programs are administratively attached if the committee plans to review one or more licensing boards or programs to determine the need for a board or a program and the financial solvency or appropriate administrative attachment of the board or program.
Section 2-15-1019, MCA	Calls for two members of the Committee to act as liaisons to the Board of Directors of the State Compensation Insurance Fund.
Section 2-15-2511, MCA	Requires two members of the Committee to serve on the Rail Service Competition Council and requires the Council to report to the Committee.
Section 5-5-215(1)(d), MCA	States that interim committees must review statutorily established advisory councils and required reports of assigned agencies to make recommendations to the next Legislature on retention or elimination.

Section 22-3-1002, MCA

Requires a biennial review by the appropriate interim committee of the Legislature of the administrative fee negotiated between the Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission and the Department of Commerce.

Section 37-1-101, MCA

Establishes that the Department of Labor and Industry provide notice to the appropriate legislative interim committee when a board cannot operate in a cost-effective manner and make recommendations to the committee for legislation revising the board's operations to achieve fiscal solvency.

Section 37-1-107, MCA

The Department of Labor and Industry is required to convene a joint meeting once every 2 years of two or more boards that have licensees with dual licensure in related professions or occupations, have licensees licensed by another board in a related profession or with similar scopes of practice, or have issues of joint concern or related jurisdiction with each other. The Department must report to the interim committee responsible for monitoring boards with regard to attendance and issues of concern addressed by the boards.

Section 37-1-142, MCA

Requires the interim committee responsible for monitoring professional and occupational licensing boards to review one-half of the licensing boards each interim to determine whether the boards are still necessary.

Section 39-71-2361, MCA

Provides that the Insurance Commissioner review the state fund financial and compliance audit and rate review and report any concerns or recommendations based on the review to the Governor, the Legislative Audit Committee, and the Economic Affairs Interim Committee.

Section 90-1-182, MCA

Allows local governments to request that the Department of Commerce conduct socioeconomic impact analyses of significant federal land management proposals that may impact local government communities. The department may report on the requests to an appropriate legislative interim committee.

Section 90-1-503, MCA

Requires the Department of Commerce to submit a status report on the Distressed Wood Products Industry Loan Account to the Committee.

#### Membership

Joint Rule 30-70

At least 50% of the members must have served on the following session standing committees:

House Agriculture

**House Appropriations** 

House Business and Labor

House Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications

Senate Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation

Senate Business and Labor, and Economic Affairs

Senate Finance and Claims

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House Joint Resolution

No. 33

Study health insurance exchange.

Senate Joint Resolution

No. 15

Study agricultural commodities bonding.

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Statutory Citation: Section 5-5-224, MCA

The Education and Local Government Interim Committee (ELGIC) is a joint bipartisan committee of the Legislature that meets between legislative sessions. The Committee's statutory duties under section 5-5-524, MCA, include reviewing proposed administrative rules and draft legislation, monitoring the operations of and providing information to the State Board of Education, the Board of Public Education, the Board of Regents of Higher Education, and the Office of Public Instruction, and completing assigned studies. In addition, the ELGIC acts as a liaison with cities and counties, providing an important forum for discussion of strong, effective governance at the community and county level.

#### Other Statutory Responsibilities

Section 5-5-215(1)(d), SMCA

States that interim committees must review statutorily established advisory councils and required reports of assigned agencies to make recommendations to the next

Legislature on retention or elimination.

Section 20-7-101, MCA

Requires the Board of Public Education, prior to adoption or amendment of any accreditation standard, to submit each proposal to the ELGIC for review. The ELGIC must request that a fiscal analysis be prepared by the Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD). The LFD must provide its analysis to the ELGIC and to the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning to be used in the preparation of the executive budget.

Sections 20-9-161 and 20-9-323, MCA

Establishes that school districts that adopt certain budget amendments that in combination with other amendments exceed 10% of the district's adopted general fund budget must report to the ELGIC and the Board of Public Education with an explanation of why the budget amendment is necessary. Beginning July 1, 2016, the combined ending fund balance for all budgeted funds of a school district may not exceed 300% of the maximum general fund budget and any exception to the limits must be reported to the ELGIC.

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Section 22-3-423(13),

MCA

Requires the State Historic Preservation Officer to report to the ELGIC on the preservation needs of heritage properties

owned and maintained by state agencies.

Section 82-2-701, MCA

Requires the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology to report to the ELGIC and the Environmental Quality Council on its investigation of certain sand and gravel deposits within 1 year

of starting its investigations.

#### **Membership**

Joint Rule 30-70

At least 50% of the members must have served on the following session standing committees:

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House Education

House Local Government

Senate Education and Cultural Resources

Senate Finance and Claims

Senate Local Government

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House Joint Resolution

Study of certain exemptions from subdivision review.

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# **Energy and Telecommunications**

http://leg.mt.gov/etic or

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Statutory Citation: Section 5-5-230, MCA

The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) has broad oversight over a range of energy and telecommunication-related topics in Montana. The Committee conducts interim studies as assigned by the Legislative Council or selected by members and reviews the administrative rules proposed by the Department of Public Service Regulation and the Public Service Commission.

# Other Statutory Responsibilities

Section 5-5-215(1)(d),	States that interim committees must review statutorily
MCA	established advisory councils and required reports of

established advisory councils and required reports of assigned agencies to make recommendations to the next

Legislature on retention or elimination.

Sections 69-3-2009 and Require a utility, a competitive electricity supplier, or an owner of an electrical generation facility to file a report ea

owner of an electrical generation facility to file a report each interim with the ETIC concerning the purchase or sale of renewable energy credits within Montana bought or sold on or after January 1, 2012. The ETIC reviews the reports and, if necessary, submits recommendations regarding the use of

renewable energy credits to the Legislature.

Section 69-8-402, MCA Requires public utilities and cooperative utilities to submit

annual summary reports of Universal System Benefits (USB) Programs to the ETIC. Also requires the ETIC, before September 15 of even-numbered years, to review the USB Programs and, if necessary, submit related recommendations

to the Legislature.

Section 85-1-501, MCA Requires the Department of Natural Resources and

Conservation to assess dams owned or controlled by the Department for hydroelectric potential and report the results to the ETIC and the Water Policy Interim Committee before

September 1 of even-numbered years.

2011-12 Interim Directory of Legislative Committees Energy and Telecommunications Committee Page 33 Section 90-3-1301, MCA Allows the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology to conduct

geothermal research and, prior to each legislative session, update the ETIC on geothermal research and funding.

Section 90-4-1003, MCA Requires the ETIC, at its first meeting of the interim, to review

the state's energy policy and determine if potential revisions should be discussed at future meetings. If revisions are proposed, the ETIC must forward its recommendations to the

Legislature.

# **Membership**

Joint Rule 30-70

At least 50% of the members must have served on the following session standing committees:

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# Assigned Studies

The ETIC was not assigned any studies by the Legislative Council, so members, during a July 2011 meeting, determined what policy matters they felt were most deserving of a Committee review. During the 2011-2012 interim, the Committee will focus on:

- Analysis of Montana's one-call notification laws (Title 69, chapter 4, part 5, MCA) and federal reform.
- Review of the Public Service Commission's organizational structure.
- Discussion of energy resource development.

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# **Environmental Quality Council and Legislative Environmental Policy Office**

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Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 16, MCA

Title 75, chapter 1, part 3, MCA

The Environmental Quality Council (EQC) is a 17-member committee created by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). In general, the EQC reviews and appraises state programs and activities related to the environment to ensure compliance with MEPA (Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 through 3, MCA).

# Other Statutory Responsibilities

Sections 2-4-402 through 2-4-406 and 2-4- 410 through 2-4-412, MCA	Describe the administrative rule oversight powers and duties of the EQC.
Section 2-15-1514, MCA	Requires participation of a Legislative Services Division staff person on the Natural Resource Data System Advisory Committee.
Section 2-15-1523, MCA	Includes a representative of the Legislative Services Division as a participant on the Ground Water Assessment Steering Committee.
Sections 5-5-202, 5-5- 211, and 5-5-215, MCA	Discuss the organization and duties of interim committees. States that interim committees must review statutorily established advisory councils and required reports of assigned agencies to make recommendations to the next Legislature on retention or elimination.
Section 5-5-231, MCA	Requires the EQC and the Water Policy Interim Committee to coordinate on water issues.
Sections 5-16-101 through 5-16-105, MCA	Discuss the composition and terms of the EQC.

Section 75-5-313, MCA	States that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) must provide a summary of the status of the development of temporary nutrient criteria to the EQC on or before July 1 of each year.	
Section 75-5-703, MCA	Requires the DEQ to report, on or before July 1 of each even- numbered year, its progress in completing TMDLs (total maximum daily load) and the current schedule for completion of TMDLs.	
Section 75-10-111, MCA	Requires the DEQ to circulate solid waste management and resource recovery plans to the EQC for its review.	
Section 76-13-145, MCA	Mandates that the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) report its progress in designating wildland-urban interface parcels to an appropriate interim committee assigned to study wildland fire suppression or to the EQC.	
Section 77-2-366, MCA	Requires the DNRC to submit a detailed report of the land banking program to the EQC by July 1 of even-numbered years.	
Section 82-2-701, MCA	Requires the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology to report to the EQC and the Education and Local Government Interim Committee on its investigation of certain sand and gravel deposits within 1 year of starting its investigations.	
Section 85-1-203, MCA	Mandates that the DNRC submit a copy of the State Water Plan to the EQC.	
Section 85-1-621, MCA	Requires the DNRC to submit a biennial report to the EQC describing the status of the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program.	
Section 85-2-105, MCA	Establishes the EQC's water policy duties. The EQC is specifically required to analyze and comment on the state water plan, the state water development process, water-related research, and the adequacy of the water resources data management system.	
Section 85-2-281, MCA	Mandates that the Water Court and the DNRC report to the EQC on the progress of the adjudication process until 2020.	
Section 85-2-350, MCA	Requires the Clark Fork River Basin Task Force to report annually to the EQC.	

Section 85-2-436, MCA Provides that the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

(DFWP) submit a summary report to the EQC by December 1 of odd-numbered years of all appropriation rights changed

to an instream flow purpose in the previous 2 years.

Section 87-1-230, MCA Requires the DFWP to provide an annual report regarding

deposits into and withdrawals from the Good Neighbor Policy state water and land maintenance account to the Oversight

Subcommittee of the EQC.

Section 6, Chapter 332,

Laws of 2011

Provides that the Department of Labor and Industry must report to the EQC and the Governor's Office of Economic Development on or before September 1, 2011, January 1, 2012, April 1, 2012, June 1, 2012, September 1, 2012, and January 1, 2013, on the number of jobs that have been created in the state as a result of changes to Montana's coal leasing laws.

Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 380, Laws of

2011

Establish a select committee charged with determining areas of efficiency and effectiveness in regulatory processes related to natural resource development and looking at technologies and taxation related to natural resources. If the committee chooses to review the Montana Environmental Policy Act, this

will overlap with EQC duties.

Section 4, Chapter 394,

Laws of 2011

Requires the DEQ to report to the EQC regarding the closure of petroleum storage tank release sites at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council following the passing of each benchmark date. The dates established in statute are December 31, 2011, July 1, 2012, December 31, 2012, July 1, 2013, December 31, 2013, July 1, 2014, December 31,

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#### Membership

The EQC consists of six senators, six representatives, four members of the public, and one nonvoting representative of the Governor. At least 50% of the Council's legislative members must be selected from the session standing committees that consider issues within the jurisdiction of the EQC.

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Statutory Citation: Section 5-5-226, MCA

The Law and Justice Interim Committee (LJIC) is a joint bipartisan committee of the Legislature that meets between legislative sessions. The LJIC: (1) monitors the activities of the Department of Corrections, the Department of Justice, the Office of State Public Defender, the Judicial Branch, and the entities administratively attached to these agencies; (2) examines law and justice policy issues; and (3) makes recommendations to the Legislature. The LJIC's responsibilities include reviewing the administrative rules and proposed legislation of assigned agencies.

#### Other Statutory Responsibilities

Sections 3-1-702 and
37-61-211, MCA

The Office of Court Administrator is required to report annually to the LJIC on the status of the development and procurement of information technology within the Judicial Branch and on expenditures for operations of certain commissions and other entities from the annual attorney license tax.

# Section 5-5-215(1)(d), MCA

States that interim committees must review statutorily established advisory councils and required reports of assigned agencies to make recommendations to the next Legislature on retention or elimination.

#### Section 41-5-2003. MCA

The Office of Court Administrator is required to report the results of its evaluation of out-of-home placements, programs, and services under the Juvenile Delinquency Intervention Act to the Department of Corrections, Cost Containment Review Panel, District Court Council and LJIC. On or before June 30 in fiscal years 2011 and 2012, the Office of Court Administrator must transfer \$25,000 in each fiscal year from the Youth Court Intervention and Prevention Account to the general fund in lieu of conducting this

evaluation for fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

Section 44-2-117, MCA Requires the Department of Justice to make periodic reports

to the LJIC regarding the degree of compliance with state

laws regarding racial profiling by municipal, county,

consolidated local government, and state law enforcement

agencies.

Section 46-23-210, MCA Before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the Board of

Pardons and Parole and the Department of Corrections must report to the LJIC and Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Committee regarding the outcome related to any person released on medical parole since the last report, including health care costs and payments related to the care

of the person released.

Section 47-1-105, MCA Requires the Public Defender Commission to submit a

biennial report to the Governor, the Supreme Court, and the Legislature. Each interim, the Commission is also required to

specifically report to the LJIC.

#### **Membership**

Joint Rule 30-70

At least 50% of the members must have served on the following session standing committees:

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House Judiciary

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 29

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# **Legislative Branch Computer System Planning Council**

http://leg.mt.gov/css/committees/interim/2011-2012/computer-system-planning/default.asp

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 11, part 4, MCA

Legislative participation in the Computer System Planning Council is not required by statute, but the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate may, at their discretion, assign legislators to serve.

The Council is responsible for reviewing and maintaining the Legislative Branch computer system plan, investigating new applications, designing methods for automation, developing system standards and identifying the needs of the Branch's computer system, and coordinating new applications with the statutory goals of the Legislative Branch.

#### Other Statutory Responsibilities

Section 2-15-1021, MCA

Calls for the Legislative Branch Computer System Planning Council to appoint a member that represents the Legislative Branch to the Information Technology Board.

#### Membership

The Council has nine members, including the Secretary of the Senate or a designee of the Senate President; the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives or a designee of the Speaker; the Sergeants-at-Arms in the two houses or another representative of each house designated by the Presiding Officer of that house; the Executive Director of the Legislative Services Division, who serves as Presiding Officer; the Legislative Auditor; the Legislative Fiscal Analyst; the Consumer Counsel; and a nonvoting designee of the Director of the Department of Administration.

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Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 15, MCA

Title 69, chapters 1 and 2, MCA

Article XIII, section 2, Montana Constitution

The Consumer Counsel represents Montana public utility and transportation consumers before the Public Service Commission, state and federal courts, and administrative agencies in matters concerning public utility regulation. The Consumer Counsel, a position required by the Montana Constitution, is appointed by the Legislative Consumer Committee.

The Committee is required to meet at least quarterly and generally convenes more often. Meetings involve discussions with industry representatives, reports on Consumer Counsel staff activities, review and status updates of current cases, and review of contracts with expert witnesses.

#### Membership

Two senators and two representatives, appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees and the Speaker of the House, respectively, serve on the Committee.

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Statutory Citation: Section 5-5-227, MCA

The Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee is a joint bipartisan committee of the Legislature that meets between legislative sessions. It has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring responsibilities for the Department of Revenue (DOR) and the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). The committee prepares an estimate of revenue available for appropriation for each legislative session.

## Other Statutory Responsibilities

Section 5-5-215(1)(d), MCA	States that interim committees must review statutorily established advisory councils and required reports of assigned agencies to make recommendations to the next Legislature on retention or elimination.
Section 5-12-302(6), MCA	Requires the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to assist the Committee in performing its revenue estimating duties.
Section 15-1-230, MCA	Requires the DOR to report to the Committee at least once each year on the number and type of taxpayers claiming the credit for contributions to qualified endowments (section 15-30-2328, MCA), the total amount of the credit claimed, the total amount of the credit recaptured, and the DOR's cost for administering the credit.
Section 15-7-111(4), MCA	Provides that the DOR must submit sales assessment ratio studies of residences to allow the committee to be apprised of housing and market trends.
Section 15-24-3211, MCA	Requires the DOR to report to the Committee by September 15, 2014, on the use of property tax abatement for gray water systems.

Section 15-30-2336(1)(b), MCA Directs the Committee to determine if a change in the relief multiple for the income tax credit for the amount of property taxes paid for statewide school equalization levies on a principal residence is justified based on actual and projected revenue and spending and any other appropriate factors.

Section 15-31-322(2), MCA Provides that the DOR must submit a biennial update to the Committee of countries that may be considered a tax haven under section 15-31-322(1)(f), MCA.

Section 15-32-703(10), MCA

Requires the DOR to report to the Committee at least once each year regarding the number and type of taxpayers claiming a tax credit for the costs of investments in depreciable property used for storing or blending biodiesel with petroleum diesel, the total amount of the credit claimed, and the DOR's costs for administering the credit.

Section 15-70-234, MCA

Requires the MDT to report as needed, after negotiations are complete and before final agreement is submitted to the Attorney General, on the status of motor fuel tax cooperative agreement negotiations with the state's Indian tribes.

Section 15-70-369(7), MCA

Calls for the MDT to report to the Committee at least once each year on the number and type of taxpayers claiming a refund (1 cent a gallon for retailers or 2 cents a gallon for distributors of biodiesel sold), the total amount of the refund claimed, and the MDT's cost associated with administering the fund.

Section 17-7-138(1)(a), MCA

The budget director is required to present an explanation of any significant change in agency or program scope to the appropriate interim committee.

Section 17-7-140(4), MCA Provides that the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning must notify the Committee of the amount of actual or projected receipts that is less than the amount projected to be received in the revenue estimate. The Committee is required to make recommendations to the budget director on the amount of the revenue shortfall. The budget director must consider the recommendations before certifying a general fund budget deficit.

Section 61-10-154(8), MCA Requires a report from the MDT at least once a year on the department's authority to stop and inspect, if probable cause exists, diesel-powered vehicles to determine compliance with provisions of the special fuels use tax and the impacts enforcement has had on the state special revenue fund.

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#### Membership

Joint Rule 30-70

At least 50% of the members must have served on the following session standing committees:

**House Appropriations** 

House Taxation

House Transportation

Senate Finance and Claims

Senate Highways and Transportation

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House Joint Resolution

Study state income tax and options for revision.

No. 13

Senate Joint Resolution

No. 17

Study the valuation of centrally assessed property and industrial

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Senate Joint Resolution

No. 23

Study tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations.

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http://leg.mt.gov/css/committees/interim/2011-2012/efficiency-in-government/default.asp

Statutory Citation: Chapter 380, Laws of 2011

The Select Committee on Efficiency in Government is a joint bipartisan committee of the Legislature created by House Bill No. 642 (Chapter 280, Laws of 2011). The Committee is commissioned to examine the efficiency and effectiveness of state government in four broad areas: budgeting, health care, technology, and natural resources.

#### **Membership**

The Committee consists of six senators and six representatives appointed by each party and house's leadership. The Senate President designates one of the members as the Presiding Officer. The Committee may elect any other officers it considers to be advisable.

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Statutory Citation: Section 5-5-228, MCA

The State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee (SAVA) is a joint bipartisan committee of the Legislature that meets between legislative sessions. The SAVA: (1) monitors the activities of the Department of Administration, except for the Montana State Fund and the Office of State Public Defender; the Department of Military Affairs; the Office of the Secretary of State; the Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices; and entities attached to the those departments and offices for administrative purposes; (2) examines policy issues that include procurement, information technology, state employee pay and benefits, tort claims, elections, campaign financing and practices, the National Guard and armories, veterans, disaster and emergency services, and public employee retirement systems; and (3) makes recommendations to the Legislature on topics within the SAVA's purview. The SAVA's responsibilities include reviewing the administrative rules of assigned agencies, including the Department of Administration (DOA), the Department of Military Affairs, the Office of the Secretary of State, and the Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices.

The SAVA is also required by section 5-5-228(2)(d) through (2)(f), MCA, to review any proposed changes to the state's public employee retirement plans, report to the Legislature on each legislative proposal reviewed, and attach the Committee's report to any legislation that has been introduced for the session.

# Other Statutory Responsibilities

Section 2-15-1205, MCA Requires that a representative of the SAVA serve as a

nonvoting member on the Board of Veterans' Affairs.

Section 2-17-512, MCA Calls for the DOA to report to the appropriate interim

committee on a regular basis on the information technology

activities of the Department.

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Section 5-5-215(1)(d),

MCA

States that interim committees must review statutorily established advisory councils and required reports of assigned agencies to make recommendations to the next

Legislature on retention or elimination.

Section 5-11-210, MCA

Requires that the SAVA receive copies of all reports required under sections 17-6-230, 19-2-405, 19-2-407, and 19-20-201, MCA, that are made available to the Legislature via the

Legislative Services Division.

Section 10-2-102, MCA

Requires the Board of Veterans' Affairs to prepare a biennial report to the Governor, the Department of Military Affairs, the appropriate legislative interim committee, and veterans' service organizations that includes but is not limited to the latest information about the demographics of Montana's veteran population, a needs assessment, annual summaries of the veterans' special revenue accounts established in sections 10-2-112 and 10-2-603, MCA, and a review of the veterans' affairs budget.

#### Membership

Joint Rule 30-70

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Statutory Citation: Section 5-5-229, MCA

The mandate of the State-Tribal Relations Committee is to act as a liaison with tribal governments, encourage state-tribal and local government-tribal cooperation, conduct any assigned interim studies, and report its activities, findings, recommendations, and proposals for legislation to the upcoming Legislature.

## Other Statutory Responsibilities

Section 90-11-102, MCA

The State Director of Indian Affairs must report in detail at

every meeting of the Committee regarding actions taken by the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission to carry

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## **Membership**

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Statutory Citation: Section 5-5-231, MCA

The Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC) is a joint bipartisan Committee of the Legislature created by the passage of Senate Bill No. 22 (Chapter 285, Laws of 2009). The Legislature authorized the new Committee to study topical water quality and quantity issues.

#### Other Statutory Responsibilities

Section 85-1-501, MCA Requires the Department of Natural Resources and

Conservation to assess dams owned or controlled by the Department for hydroelectric potential and report the results to the WPIC and the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee before September 1 of even-numbered years.

#### <u>Membership</u>

The WPIC is subject to the provisions of section 5-5-211, MCA, and the Committee members appointed may be selected from the following standing committees: Senate Natural Resources; House Natural Resources; Senate Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation; House Agriculture; Senate Local Government; and House Local Government. In addition, section 5-5-231, MCA, states that at least two members of the Committee must possess experience in agriculture.

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**INTERSTATE ORGANIZATIONS** 

# **Board of Directors of the State Compensation Insurance Fund**

http://montanastatefund.com

Statutory Citation: Sections 2-15-1019 and 39-71-2313, MCA

The State Compensation Insurance Fund (State Fund) is a nonprofit, independent public corporation established for the purpose of allowing an option for employers to insure their liability for workers' compensation and occupational disease coverage. The Board of Directors of the State Fund helps ensure that the fund remains financially solvent.

#### Membership

The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor. The Executive Director of the State Fund is an ex officio nonvoting member. At least four members must represent State Fund policyholders, and at least four members must represent private enterprises. One of the seven members may be a licensed insurance producer. One of the seven members must be a person with executive management experience in an insurance company or executive level experience in insurance financial accounting.

The Presiding Officer of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee appoints two members from the Committee, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, to serve as liaisons to the Board. Legislative liaisons serve from appointment through each even-numbered calendar year and may attend Board meetings and receive Board meeting agendas and information.

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# **Capitol Complex Advisory Council**

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Statutory Citation: Title 2, chapter 17, part 8, MCA

The Capitol Complex Advisory Council reviews proposals for long-term placement of displays or the naming of state buildings, spaces, or rooms in the Capitol complex; advises the Legislature on the long-term placement of statues, busts, memorials, monuments, or art displays within the Capitol complex; and advises the Department of Administration (DOA) on interior decoration of the Capitol and on grounds maintenance and grounds displays.

By November 15 of each even-numbered year, the Council must report to the Legislature on requests that it has reviewed for naming buildings, spaces, or rooms and for long-term placement of items in the Capitol or on the Capitol complex grounds.

#### **Membership**

The Council consists of nine members, including two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker, two members of the Senate appointed by the Committee on Committees, a public representative appointed by the Governor, and the Director or the Director's designee of each of the following agencies—the Montana Historical Society, the Montana Arts Council, the DOA, and the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

The DOA provides staff services to the Council.

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Section 1, Chapter 279, Laws of 2011

Charges the Advisory Council with forming a subcommittee to create and place a mural in the Capitol that honors the historical contributions of women as community builders.

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Statutory Citation: Section 75-6-231, MCA

As provided in section 75-6-203, MCA, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program is a "program under which the state may provide financial assistance to community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems". The program is administered by both the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which manages the technical components of the program, and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), which implements the loan program and issues the bonds that are used for the state match to the federal grant.

The revolving fund is a separate account in the state treasury from which loans can be made, debt obligations and insurance can be purchased, and other assistance can be provided to improve water systems.

Each year, the DEQ must prepare an intended use plan for the fund, which must include descriptions of the projects that program funds will assist and the amount and type of funds to be allocated. This plan is subject to public comment and review by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Advisory Committee.

#### Membership

The Committee has six members, including two members from the Legislature and a member from each of the following entities: the Montana League of Cities and Towns, the Montana Association of Counties, the DNRC, and the DEQ. The legislative members must be chosen from both houses and from the majority party and the minority party.

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http://businessresources.mt.gov/EDAC/default.mcpx

Statutory Citation: Section 2-15-1820, MCA

- The Economic Development Advisory Council provides direction and oversight to the Governor and the Department of Commerce (DOC). Specifically, the Council:
- advises the DOC concerning the distribution of funds to certified regional development corporations for business development purposes;
- advises the DOC regarding the creation, operation, and maintenance of the Microbusiness Finance Program and the policies and operations affecting the certified microbusiness development corporations;
- advises the Governor and the DOC on significant matters concerning economic development in Montana;
- prescribes allowable administrative expenses for which economic development funds may be used by certified regional development corporations; and
- encourages certified regional development corporations to promote economic development on Indian reservations in their regions.

#### <u>Membership</u>

The Council is composed of up to 19 members. Fifteen of the members are appointed by the Governor and include the Director of the DOC, the Governor's Chief Business Development Officer who serves as Presiding Officer of the Council, one member from a Montana tribal government who represents a tribal economic development organization, and up to 12 public members representing each geographic region covered by each of the regional development corporations certified by the DOC. In addition, two representatives, including one from each party, are appointed by the Speaker of the House. Two senators, including one from each party, are appointed by the Committee on Committees.

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Statutory Citation: Section 2-17-1105, MCA.

The charge of the Electronic Government Advisory Council is to advise the Department of Administration (DOA) on the creation, management, and administration of electronic government services and information on the Internet.

#### **Membership**

The Council consists of the following members:

- the Director of the DOA, who serves as Presiding Officer;
- the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's designee;
- the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
- the Director of the Department of Commerce or the Director's designee;
- the Director of the Department of Revenue or the Director's designee;
- the State Librarian or the State Librarian's designee;
- a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- a member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- an elected local government official, appointed by the Governor;
- two representatives from state agencies that are not represented on the Council, appointed by the Governor;
- two members of the public, appointed by the Governor; and
- the administrator of the Information Services Division of the DOA.

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## **Future Fisheries Review Panel**

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The Future Fisheries Review Panel is responsible for assisting the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks in reviewing projects submitted by public or private entities for funding and determining which projects are appropriate for inclusion in the Future Fisheries Improvement Program.

#### Membership

The Speaker of the House and the Senate Committee on Committees each choose a legislative member to serve on the panel. Eleven other members, representing the interests listed below, are appointed by the Governor or the Governor's designee. The Panel is required to meet at least once every 6 months.

The Future Fisheries Review Panel must consist of at least 13 members, including but not limited to:

- two legislators;
- a representative of conservation districts;
- a representative with expertise in commercial agriculture;
- a representative with expertise in irrigated agriculture;
- a private fisheries restoration professional;
- two members who are licensed Montana anglers;
- a representative with expertise in silviculture;
- a Montana high school student;
- a representative with expertise in mining reclamation techniques;
- a representative with expertise in fisheries; and
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# **Gaming Advisory Council**

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Statutory Citation: Section 2-15-2021, MCA

The Gaming Advisory Council, created in 1989, advises the Department of Justice (DOJ) and other state agencies on public policy matters related to gaming, including changes to gaming statutes, the need for additional or modified Department rules, and other gambling-related issues. The Council must submit to the DOJ a biennial report that includes the Council's findings and recommendations.

#### <u>Membership</u>

The Speaker of the House and the Senate Committee on Committees each select one person from their respective houses to serve on the Council. The remaining members are appointed by the Attorney General, with one representing the public, two representing local government, three representing the gaming industry, and one who is a Native American.

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The Information Technology Board provides a forum to guide state agencies, the Legislative Branch, the Judicial Branch, and local governments in the development and deployment of intergovernmental information technology resources. The board also advises the Department of Administration (DOA) on statewide information technology standards and policies, the state strategic information technology plan, major information technology budget requests, and rates and other charges for services established by the DOA.

#### Other Statutory Responsibilities

Section 2-6-503, MCA

Requires the Chief Information Officer of the DOA to inform the Information Technology Board, the Office of Budget and Program Planning, and the Legislative Finance Committee of extensions granted to state agencies to comply with procedures developed to protect the use of social security numbers necessary for the performance of the agencies' duties.

#### Membership

The board consists of 19 members that include:

- the Director of the DOA, who serves as presiding officer of the Board;
- the chief information officer provided for in section 2-17-511, MCA;
- the Director of the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning;
- six members who are directors of state agencies and who are appointed by the Governor:
- two members representing local government, appointed by the Governor;
- one member representing the Public Service Commission (PSC), appointed by the PSC:
- one member representing the private sector, appointed by the Governor;
- one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House:
- one member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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- one member representing the Legislative Branch, appointed by the Legislative Branch Computer System Planning Council;
- one member representing the Judicial Branch, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
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# **Land Information Advisory Council**

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Statutory Citation: Title 90, chapter 1, part 4, MCA

The Montana Land Information Act requires the state to compile a digital record of land characteristics in Montana and to make the information available to the public. The Act is administered by the Montana Department of Administration (DOA) with advice from the Land Information Advisory Council. Specifically, the Act provides the authority for a Land Information Account and for distribution of account funds. The DOA must develop a Land Information Plan that establishes a budget and sets the priorities for information gathering and dissemination.

#### <u>Membership</u>

The 22-member Council is composed of:

- the Director of the DOA or the Director's designee;
- the State Librarian or the State Librarian's designee;
- the directors of four other departments or a person to act in a Director's absence;
- three persons who represent county or municipal government, at least one of whom is active in land information systems;
- two persons who are employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture;
- two persons who are employed by the U.S. Department of the Interior;
- two persons who are active in land information systems and represent public utilities or private businesses;
- one person who represents Indian tribal interests;
- one person who represents the Montana University System;
- two persons who are members of a Montana association of GIS professionals;
- one person who represents the interests of a Montana association of registered land surveyors;
- one member of the Montana State Senate; and
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Statutory Citation: Section 2-15-1808, MCA

The Board of Investments is a quasi-judicial board administratively attached to the Montana Department of Commerce. The Board has the authority to invest all state funds. Funds must be invested under the prudent expert principle as described in section 17-6-201, MCA.

#### <u>Membership</u>

The Board is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor and two ex officio nonvoting legislative members who act as liaisons to the Board. The board is composed of one member from the Public Employees' Retirement Board, one member from the Teachers' Retirement Board, and seven members who represent the financial community, small business, agriculture, and labor.

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# **Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission**

http://dnrc.mt.gov/rwrcc/default.asp

Statutory Citation: Section 2-15-212, MCA

The Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission negotiates, on behalf of the Governor of the State of Montana, federal reserved water rights with the federal government and Montana's Indian tribes as part of the statewide water adjudication process.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate each select two members from their respective bodies who join five other members appointed by the Governor and the Attorney General.

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# **Upland Game Bird Citizens' Advisory Council**

http://fwp.mt.gov/habitat/wildlife/uplandgamebird/advisoryCouncil/

Statutory Citation: Section 87-1-251, MCA

The Upland Game Bird Citizens' Advisory Council is a 12-member council appointed by the Director of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to advise the Department on a 10-year strategic plan for the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program and monitor and report on program activities.

#### **Membership**

The 12 members of the Council must include a public member representing each of the Department's administrative regions and include an upland game bird hunter; a local chamber of commerce representative; a conservationist; an upland game bird biologist; at least two landowners, one of whom must be enrolled in the block management program; and a senator and a representative from different political parties.

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## **Workforce Investment Board**

http://swib.mt.gov

Federal Law Citation: 29 U.S.C. 2821

Statutory Citation: Section 53-2-1203, MCA

The purpose of the Federal Workforce Investment Act (1998), as stated in 29 U.S.C. 2811, is to "provide workforce investment activities . . . that increase the employment, retention, and earnings of participants, and increase occupational skill attainment by participants, and, as a result, improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the Nation". The Act further states that the "Governor of a State shall establish a State workforce investment board to assist in the development of the State plan" and to carry out other functions.

The State Workforce Investment Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor on workforce investment issues and provides broad oversight to Montana's two local Workforce Investment Boards. The State Board conducts much of its work through committees and has established the following committees for the 2009-10 interim: Apprenticeship Advisory Committee, Executive Committee, Career Clusters and Big Sky Pathways Committee, Incumbent and New Worker Training Committee, Workforce Investment Act Committee, and the Youth Council. The Board is staffed by the Commissioner's Office of the Department of Labor and Industry.

#### **Membership**

The Board must include:

- the Governor or the Governor's designee;
- two members of the House of Representatives, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, and two members of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the presiding officer of each respective chamber; and
- individuals appointed by the Governor, including:
  - representatives of businesses located in Montana who are owners of businesses, chief executive or operating officers, and other business executives or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority,

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including business members of local boards, and represent businesses with employment opportunities that reflect the employment opportunities in Montana;

- chief elected officials of local government;
- representatives of labor organizations;
- representatives of individuals and organizations who have experience with respect to youth activities;
- representatives of individuals and organizations who have experience and expertise in the delivery of workforce investment activities;
- representatives of the state agencies who are responsible for the programs and activities that are carried out by the one-stop centers, including but not limited to the Montana Department of Labor and Industry, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, and the Office of Public Instruction;
- at least one representative of military veterans; and
- other representatives whom the Governor may designate.

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# **The Council of State Governments**

http://csgwest.org

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

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".<sup>2</sup> The fundamental work of the CSG is accomplished through policy study committees with legislative representatives from each of the participating states.

Section 5-11-304, MCA, authorizes the Legislative Council to facilitate Montana's participation in "appropriate interstate, international, and intergovernmental entities". 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	Arthun Branae	Facey Lake	Bangerter Evans	McClafferty Price	
Energy and Public Lands	Arthun Debby Barrett Hamlett Jent Keane Larsen	Olson Jim Peterson Stewart- Peregroy Van Dyk Vincent Walker	Driscoll Klock	Malek Miller	
Fiscal Affairs	Arthun Balyeat Gallus	Lake Larsen Tropila	Cook Gibson	Hollenbaugh Mehlhoff	
Future of Western Legislatures	Vincent	Branae	MacLaren	Court	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.csgwest.org

Committee	Senate Members		House Members	
Legislative Council on River Governance	Brenden	Facey	Loney	MacDonald
International Trade	Moss	Peterson	Belcourt	McNiven
Water and Environment	Hamlett Stewart- Peregoy	Vincent	Jerry Bennett Clark	Williams
Western Economic Development	Buttrey Lake Hamlett	Larsen Windy Boy Zinke	Berry Cuffe	McChesney Reinhart

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# **National Conference of State Legislatures**

http://ncsl.org

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

Section 5-11-305, MCA, authorizes Montana's participation in appropriate interstate organizations, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) among them. NCSL is a bipartisan organization that serves only legislators and their staffs. NCSL provides research, technical assistance, and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues and is an advocate for the interests of the states in the American federal system.

Much of the NCSL's work is accomplished through its standing committees composed of legislators and legislative staff from across the country. The Legislative Council has appointed legislators to 2-year terms as members of the following NCSL committees.

Membership

Committee	Senate Members		House Members	
Agriculture and Energy	Augare Hamlett Larsen Moore	Olson Stewart-Peregoy Vincent Walker	Belcourt Klock	McNally Wagner
Budgets and Revenue	Arthun Branae Kaufmann Keane	Lake Tutvedt Van Dyk Vincent	Dick Barrett Beck	Hollandsworth Sesso
Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce	Larsen		Cook Edmunds	Hollenbaugh
Education	Arthun Branae Facey	Lake Moore Stewart-Peregoy	Hansen McClafferty	Osmundson Wilmer
Environment	Debby Barrett Hamlett Kaufmann	Olson Van Dyk Vincent	Connell Hands	Menahan Yates
Health	Kaufmann Windy Boy	Wittich	Jerry Bennett Pease-Lopez	Skattum

Committee	Senate	Senate Members		House Members	
Human Services and Welfare	Windy Boy		Bangerter Roberts	Schmidt	
Labor and Economic Development	Augare Buttrey Keane	Lake Larsen Walker	Bryce Bennett Brodehl	O'Hara Frank Smith	
Law and Criminal Justice	Augare		Hill Lavin	Ken Peterson	
Legislative Effectiveness	Branae Facey	Tutvedt	Knox McChesney	Salomon	
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# **Pacific NorthWest Economic Region**

http://pnwer.org

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 11, part 7, MCA

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a statutory, nonpartisan public-private partnership comprised of legislators, governments, and businesses in the Northwestern United States and Western Canada. The PNWER acts as a facilitator for working groups consisting of public and private leaders to address specific issues impacting the regional economy. Each working group produces an action plan based on regional input. The Legislative Council is authorized under section 5-11-305, MCA, to make Montana's appointments to the PNWER.

Working groups may be established to address specific topics. The current working groups include: Agriculture, Arctic Caucus, Cross Border Livestock Health, Border Issues, Security and Disaster Resilience, Energy Transmission, Renewable Energy, Environment, Health Care, Innovation, Invasive Species, Sustainable Development, Telecom, Trade and Economic Development, Transportation, Tourism, Water Policy, and Workforce Development.

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