

Interim Directory of Legislative Committees and Activities

**Includes Other Committees
on Which Legislators Serve**

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PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

***PERMANENT STATUTORY INTERIM AND OTHER COMMITTEES WITH
LEGISLATIVE STAFF SUPPORT***

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES ON WHICH LEGISLATORS SERVE

INTERSTATE ORGANIZATIONS

Legislative Council and Legislative Services Division

http://www.leg.mt.gov/css/committees/administration/2005_2006/leg_council/default.asp

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 11, MCA

The Legislative Council is a 12-member bipartisan committee composed 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.¹

The Legislative Council generally oversees the activities of the Legislative Services Division (LSD). Other statutory duties 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;
- providing general supervision of and policy direction to the Code Commissioner;
- selecting studies to be conducted during the interim and assigning the studies to the appropriate interim committees;
- 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;
- serving as the appropriate legislative committee for consultation with the Board of Land Commissioners regarding the disposal, sale, or exchange of certain state lands;
- serving as a long-range building committee to recommend to the Legislature and the Montana Department of Administration construction and remodeling priorities for the State Capitol;
- 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.

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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** and the **Legal Services Office** conduct general and specialized research. Staff from both offices provide professional support to session and interim committees, draft legislation, prepare research reports, and provide information on the Legislature to the public.

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, editing, and indexing the Montana Code Annotated and preparing the annotations under the supervision of the Code Commissioner, who is also the Director of Legal Services. The Legal Services Office is also required to review all proposed initiatives for compliance with bill drafting standards.

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Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 13, MCA

The Legislative Audit Committee is a bicameral and bipartisan constitutional committee of the Montana Legislature. It consists of six members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Committee on Committees and the Speaker of the House, respectively. 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.

The Audit Committee meets about six times during the interim to review staff audit reports and fraud hotline results, review personnel and administrative procedures in the Legislative Audit Division (LAD), and generally oversee the Division's activities.

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The Audit Committee appoints the Legislative Auditor, who heads the Legislative Audit Division (LAD). LAD staff monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of state agencies and audit agencies' financial affairs. The LAD also conducts information system audits to determine the effectiveness of the state's computer resources.

Specifically, an audit of a state agency is conducted to determine whether the agency is efficiently carrying out the activities and programs authorized by the Legislature; 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 adequately safeguarding and controlling its assets and using them efficiently; and 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.

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 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 Finance Committee 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.

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HJR 26 requests an interim study of the history and trends of the state's reliance on and use of federal funds.

HJR 36 requests an interim study of laws and funding related to the Resource Indemnity Trust.

PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

***PERMANENT STATUTORY INTERIM AND OTHER COMMITTEES WITH
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ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES ON WHICH LEGISLATORS SERVE

INTERSTATE ORGANIZATIONS

Children, Families, Health, and Human Services

http://www.leg.mt.gov/css/committees/interim/2005_2006/child_fam/default.asp

Section 5-5-225, MCA, provides:

The Children, Families, Health, and Human Services (CFHHS) Interim Committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring responsibilities for the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and the entities attached to that department for administrative purposes.

Other Statutory Responsibilities:

Section 50-1-211, MCA, requires the Cervical Cancer Task Force to issue a report by August 1, 2006, to the CFHHS Committee on the impacts of cervical cancer, recommending to the DPHHS ways to reduce the impacts of cervical cancer, and finding methods for increasing public awareness and options for prevention. (new)

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. (new)

Section 53-2-215, MCA, requires the DPHHS to present a section 1115 waiver proposal to the House Appropriations Committee or, during the interim, the CFHHS Committee for review and comment at a public hearing prior to the submission of the proposal to the federal government for formal approval and to also present the section 1115 waiver after final approval from the federal government. (new)

HJR 32 (2005) requests that the DPHHS review and if necessary amend its rules governing submission of provider claims, postpayment audits, and recoupment of overpayments and report the outcome to the CFHHS Committee.

Membership

Joint Rule 30-70

Not less than half of the members must have served on the following session standing committees:

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SJR 41 requests a study of the development of community mental health crisis response systems.

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Section 5-5-223, MCA, provides:

The Economic Affairs Interim Committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring responsibilities for the following Executive Branch agencies and the entities attached to those agencies for administrative purposes:

- Montana Department of Agriculture
- Montana Department of Commerce
- Montana Department of Labor and Industry
- Montana Department of Livestock
- Montana Office of the State Auditor and Insurance Commissioner
- Montana Governor's Office of Economic Development

Other Statutory Responsibilities:

Section 2-15-246, MCA, requires two members of the Committee to serve on the Rail Service Competition Council. (new)

Section 2-15-1019, MCA, requires two members of the Committee to act as liaisons to the Board of Directors of the State Compensation Insurance Fund. (new)

Section 37-48-103, MCA, requires the board of private alternative adolescent residential or outdoor programs to report to the Committee on its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, by September 15, 2006. (new)

Section 90-10-202, MCA, requires a member of the Montana Capital Investment Board to report once each calendar quarter while the Legislature is not in session to the Committee on the Board's progress. (new)

Membership

Joint Rule 30-70

Not less than half of the members must have served on the following session standing committees:

- House Business and Labor
- House Agriculture
- House Appropriations
- House Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications
- Senate Business and Labor
- Senate Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation
- Senate Finance and Claims
- Senate Energy and Telecommunications

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Assigned Studies

SJR 35 requests a study of methods to increase the responsiveness, effectiveness, and efficiencies of professional and occupational boards and programs dedicated to public service in Montana.

SJR 38 requests a study of issues related to identity theft, including jurisdictional issues regarding federal and state authority, the prosecution of internet crimes, the role of credit reports and credit reporting agencies, the role of education for businesses and consumers, victim restitution, sales of personal information by third parties and direct marketing firms, and other identity theft issues raised during the study.

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Education and Local Government

http://www.leg.mt.gov/css/committees/interim/2005_2006/edu_local_gov/default.asp

Section 5-5-224, MCA, provides:

The Education and Local Government Interim Committee acts a liaison with local governments and has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring responsibilities for the following Executive Branch agencies and the entities attached to those agencies for administrative purposes:

- State Board of Education
- Board of Public Education
- Board of Regents of Higher Education
- Office of Public Instruction

The statute also states that the Committee shall:

- provide information to the Board of Regents in the following areas:
 - annual budget allocations;
 - annual goal statement development;
 - long-range planning;
 - outcome assessment programs; and
 - any other area that the Committee considers to have significant educational or fiscal policy impact;
- periodically review the success or failure of the University System in meeting its annual goals and long-range plans;
- periodically review the results of outcome assessment programs;
- develop mechanisms to ensure strict accountability of the revenue and expenditures of the University System;
- study and report to the Legislature on the advisability of adjustments to the mechanisms used to determine funding for the University System, including criteria for determining appropriate levels of funding;
- act as a liaison between both the Legislative and Executive Branches and the Board of Regents;
- encourage cooperation between the Legislative and Executive Branches and the Board of Regents;
- promote and strengthen local government through recognition of the principle that strong communities, with effective, democratic governmental institutions, are one of the best assurances of a strong Montana;
- bring together representatives of state and local government for consideration of common problems;
- provide a forum for discussing state oversight of local functions, realistic local autonomy, and intergovernmental cooperation;
- identify and promote the most desirable allocation of state and local government functions, responsibilities, and revenue;

- promote concise, consistent, and uniform regulation for local government;
- coordinate and simplify laws, rules, and administrative practices in order to achieve more orderly and less competitive fiscal and administrative relationships between and among state and local governments;
- review state mandates to local governments that are subject to 1-2-112 and 1-2-114 through 1-2-116, MCA;
- make recommendations to the Legislature, Executive Branch agencies, and local governing bodies concerning:
 - changes in statutes, rules, ordinances, and resolutions that will provide concise, consistent, and uniform guidance and regulations for local government;
 - changes in tax laws that will achieve more orderly and less competitive fiscal relationships between levels of government;
 - methods of coordinating and simplifying competitive practices to achieve more orderly administrative relationships among levels of government; and
 - training programs and technical assistance for local government officers and employees that will promote effectiveness and efficiency in local government; and
- conduct interim studies as assigned.

Other Statutory Responsibilities:

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 Education and Local Government Interim Committee for review. The Committee must request a fiscal analysis to be prepared by the Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD). The LFD must provide its analysis to the Committee and to the Office of Budget and Program Planning to be used in the preparation of the executive budget. (new)

Membership

Joint Rule 30-70

Not less than half of the members must have served on the following session standing committees:

- House Education
- House Local Government
- House Appropriations
- Senate Education and Cultural Resources
- Senate Local Government
- Senate Finance and Claims

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Energy and Telecommunications

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Section 5-5-230, MCA, provides:

The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring responsibilities for the Montana Department of Public Service Regulation and the Montana Public Service Commission.

Other Statutory Responsibilities:

Section 69-8-402, MCA, requires public utilities and cooperative utilities to submit annual summary reports of Universal System Benefits Programs to the ETIC.

Section 90-4-1003, MCA, requires the ETIC to incrementally develop the components of a comprehensive state energy policy. (new)

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SJR 36 requests an interim study to investigate the potential benefits of, and obstacles to, expanding distributed energy generation in Montana.

SJR 39 requests an interim study to evaluate the creation of an ongoing energy planning and coordinating entity in the state.

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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:

Title 2, chapter 4, part 2, MCA
2-15-1514, MCA
2-15-1523, MCA
5-5-202, 5-5-211, and 5-5-215, MCA
5-16-101 through 5-16-105, MCA
75-10-111, MCA
75-10-743, MCA (new)
75-10-913, 75-10-918, and 75-10-927
77-2-366, MCA

Title 77, chapter 5, part 3, MCA. The legislative statement of intent requires the DNRC and its technical committee to evaluate and report on the implementation of the streamside management zone laws to the EQC.

85-1-203, MCA
85-1-621, MCA
85-2-105, MCA
85-2-281, MCA (new)
85-2-350, MCA (new)
85-2-436, MCA

House Joint Resolution No. 3 (2005) requires the DNRC to report to the EQC on the results of its negotiations with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on the availability of water from Hungry Horse Dam for future water development in the Clark Fork River Basin.

Membership

The EQC consists of six senators, six representatives, four members of the public, and one nonvoting representative of the Governor. The House, Senate, and public members are all chosen by the majority and minority leaders of each house. At least 50% of the

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HB 790 requires the EQC to conduct a study on split estates of property between mineral owners and surface owners, coal bed methane reclamation, and bonding.

HJR 10 requests an interim study to develop, consolidate, and update fire-related statutes in order to improve wildland fire suppression and mitigation and to address dangerous environmental conditions arising from drought and forest fuels, as well as the complications and costs of fighting fires in wildland/urban interfaces.

HJR 33 requests an interim study of issues related to contract harvesting of timber from school trust lands.

HJR 34 requests an interim study to identify all of the superfund sites in Montana and to study the impacts of the sites on communities directly impacted by a superfund site.

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Section 5-5-226, MCA, provides:

The Law and Justice Interim Committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring responsibilities for the Montana Department of Corrections and the Montana Department of Justice and the entities attached to those departments for administrative purposes. The Committee also acts as a liaison with the Judiciary.

Other Statutory Responsibilities:

Sections 3-1-702 and 37-61-211, MCA, require the Supreme Court administrator to report annually to the Law and Justice Interim Committee on the status of the development and procurement of information technology within the Judicial Branch. (new)

Section 44-2-117, MCA, requires the Montana Department of Justice to make periodic reports to the Committee regarding the degree of compliance to state laws regarding racial profiling by municipal, county, consolidated local government, and state law enforcement agencies. (new)

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 Law and Justice Interim Committee. (new)

Section 4, Chapter 360, Laws of 2005, requires the Montana Department of Corrections, during fiscal years 2006 and 2007, to make regular progress reports to the Committee regarding the establishment, operation, and administration of the program for the continuous satellite-based monitoring of sexual offenders.

Membership

Joint Rule 30-70

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HJR 15 requests a study of sentencing equity.

SJR 6 requests a study of civil legal services to low-income Montanans.

SJR 40 requests a study of county attorney services, salary, and funding.

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Legislative Branch Computer System Planning Council

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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.

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Constitutional and Statutory Citation: Article XIII, section 2, Montana Constitution; Title 5, chapter 15, MCA

The Consumer Counsel represents Montana public utility and transportation consumers before the Montana 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 eight to ten times per year. Meetings involve reports on Consumer Counsel staff activities, review and status updates of current cases, and review of contracts with expert witnesses. Two senators and two representatives, appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees and the Speaker of the House, respectively, serve on the Committee.

Restructuring of the electric and natural gas utility industries is an issue of particular interest to the Committee, especially as utility rates are affected, and members will be monitoring the progress of the deregulation.

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Session Law Citation: Chapter 371, Laws of 2005

The 2005 Legislature created the Quality Schools Interim Committee to continue the work of the Joint Select Committee on Education Funding established during by the 59th Legislature. By December 1, 2005, the committee must assess the educational needs of children in public elementary and secondary schools in Montana; determine the costs of providing public education; determine the state's share of the total costs; construct a legal and adequate funding formula; and prepare implementing legislation.

Membership

The 11-member committee includes four members of the House of Representatives, two from each party; four members of the Senate, two from each party; and as ex-officio, nonvoting members, the Presiding Officer of the Board of Public Education or the Presiding Officer's designee, the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee, and the Governor or the Governor's designee.

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Section 5-5-227, MCA, provides:

The Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring responsibilities for the Montana Department of Revenue and the Montana Department of Transportation and the entities attached to those departments for administrative purposes.

The Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee must have prepared by December 1 for introduction during each regular session of the Legislature in which a revenue bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of revenue projected to be available for legislative appropriation.

Other Statutory Responsibilities

5-12-302, MCA

15-1-230, MCA

15-31-322, MCA

15-32-703, MCA (new)

15-70-234, MCA

15-70-369, MCA (new)

17-7-140, MCA

60-2-135, MCA

61-10-154, MCA (new)

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Joint Rule 30-70

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House Transportation

House Appropriations

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State Administration and Veterans' Affairs

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Section 5-5-228, MCA, provides:

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- Montana Department of Administration
 - Personnel Division
 - Architecture and Engineering Division
 - Information Technology Services Division
 - Public Employee Retirement Administration
 - Teachers' Retirement Division
- Montana Department of Military Affairs
 - Veterans' Affairs Division
 - Disaster and Emergency Services Division
- Montana Office of the Secretary of State
 - Elections and Legislative Bureau
 - Business Services Bureau

Other Statutory Responsibilities:

Section 2-15-1205, MCA, requires that a representative of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Committee serve on the Board of Veterans' Affairs. (new)

Membership

Joint Rule 30-70

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HJR 42 requests a study on how public employee retirement funds are invested and how investment performance, retirement plan benefits, and legislative policy decisions interact to affect the actuarial soundness of the public employee retirement plans and employer's funding obligations.

SJR 14 requests an interim study regarding the missions and operation of the Montana National Guard for the purposes of state active duty performed to meet state emergencies.

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State-Tribal Relations

http://www.leg.mt.gov/css/committees/interim/2005_2006/st_trib_rel/default.asp

Section 5-5-229, MCA, provides:

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 interim studies, and report its activities, findings, recommendations, and proposals for legislation to the upcoming Legislature.

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ARCO Litigation Oversight Committee

Session Law Citation: Chapter 354, Laws of 1993

The ARCO Litigation Oversight Committee is made up of two senators and two representatives appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

This Committee meets with the Montana Department of Justice's Natural Resource Damage Program to be briefed on the progress of the litigation and negotiations between the State of Montana and Atlantic-Richfield Corporation regarding natural resource damages in the Clark Fork River Basin. The Committee is also briefed on plans for the appropriate use of the money received by the state as a result of the litigation.

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Capitol Complex Advisory Council

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 Montana 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 Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

The DOA provides staff services to the Council.

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Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Advisory Committee

Statutory Citation: Section 75-6-231, MCA

As provided in 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 co-administered by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which manages the technical components of the program, and the Montana 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 Program Advisory Committee.

Membership

The committee has six members. Two members are appointed from the Legislature. One member must be from the Senate and one from the House of Representatives. The two members must represent different political parties. Other entities that must be represented include the Montana League of Cities and Towns, the Montana Association of Counties, the DNRC, and the DEQ.

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Economic Development Advisory Council

Statutory Citation: Section 2-15-1820, MCA.

The Economic Development Advisory Council provides direction and oversight to the Governor and the Montana 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.

Membership

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 and 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 Montana 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;
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Future Fisheries Review Panel

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The Future Fisheries Review Panel is responsible for assisting the Montana 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 one member to serve on the Panel. Eleven other members, representing the interests listed below, are appointed by the Governor. The Panel is required to meet at least once every 6 months.

The Panel is composed of:

- 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 Montana 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.

Membership

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 governments; one, who is a Native American; and three representing the gaming industry.

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Statutory Citation: Section 2-15-1021, MCA

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 Montana 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.

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 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;
- one member representing the Legislative Branch, appointed by the Legislative Branch Computer System Planning Council;
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Land Information Advisory Council

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The 2005 Legislature passed the Montana Land Information Act to compel 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.

Membership

The 22-member Council is composed of:

- the director of the DOA or the director's designee;
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- the directors of four other departments or a person to act in the 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;
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- 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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Montana Consensus Council Board

Statutory Citation: Section 2-15-1027, MCA

Originally established by Executive Order in 1994 and statutorily decreed in 2003, the mission of the Montana Consensus Council (MCC) is to promote fair, effective, and efficient processes for building agreement on natural resource and other public policy issues in Montana.

Membership

The MCC is governed by a Board of Directors constructed to represent a cross-section of Montana citizens. The Board consists of eight members: four members appointed by the Governor and four members appointed by legislative leadership.

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Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission

Session Law Citation: Chapter 469, Laws of 1997

Statutory Citation: Title 22, chapter 3, part 10, MCA

In addition to providing for numerous long-range building projects, House Bill No. 5 (Chapter 469, Laws of 1997) made possible the state's purchase and administration of Virginia and Nevada Cities and other historically significant state properties. To this end, HB 5 established the Heritage Preservation and Development Commission. The Commission consists of 14 members. The two legislative members are chosen by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The Governor appoints nine members of the public with backgrounds in tourism, history and historic preservation, community planning, and business. The directors of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, the Montana Historical Society, and the Montana Department of Commerce also serve on the Commission.

Although the Commission is charged with overseeing the acquisition of culturally and historically significant properties throughout the state, its first order of business is to manage Virginia City and Nevada City.

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Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

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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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Workforce Investment Board

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

Statutory Citation: Section 53-2-1203, MCA.

Passage of the Workforce Investment Act by Congress in August 1998 resulted in a transformation of job training and employment services, effectively replacing the Job Training Partnership Act system. The purpose of the Act, as provided 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 in 29 U.S.C. 2821 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 Governor Schweitzer 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 2005-2006 interim: Executive Committee, Accountability Committee, Regulatory Committee, Apprenticeship Advisory Committee, and the Economic Development and Business Retention Committee. The Board is staffed from the Commissioner's Office of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry.

Membership

The Board must include the Governor or the Governor's designee; two members of the House of Representatives and two members of the Senate; and gubernatorial appointees who are business owners, business executives, elected officials of local governments, representatives of labor organizations, individuals with experience in youth activities, experts in the delivery of workforce investment activities, state agency officials responsible for managing one-stop centers, and any other appropriate representatives, as determined by the Governor.

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INTERSTATE ORGANIZATIONS

The Council of State Governments

<http://www.csgwest.org>

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.

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Committee	Senate Members		House Members	
Energy and Public Lands	Curtiss	Toole	Barrett	Driscoll
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Forum on the Urban/Rural Divide	Esp	Williams	D. Brown	Campbell
Future of Western Legislatures	Balyeat	Wheat	Bergren	Koopman
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National Conference of State Legislatures

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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 15 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.

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Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

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In 2001, the Montana Legislature pledged its participation in the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER). The purpose of the PNWER is to synchronize the efforts of neighboring states and provinces to promote greater regional collaboration among the eight entities, enhance the overall competitiveness of the region in international and domestic markets, increase the economic well-being of all citizens in the region, and improve the quality of life of the citizens of the Pacific Northwest. States and provinces eligible to participate in the PNWER include Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon Territory.

The PNWER consists of a Delegate Council, which includes the Governor or a designee and four legislators from each participating state and four representatives from each participating province and territory, and an Executive Committee consisting of one legislator from each participating state, province, or territory who is a member of the Delegate Council and four of the Governors, Premiers, or Commissioners or their designees.

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