

## Suggested General Work Plan for 2011 - 2012 Legislative Council

### **April - June 2011 - May 13 and June 24, 2011**

- Elect presiding officers
- Review status of biennial budget
- Review status of Legislative Council legislation
- Establish interim study program
- Appoint membership of interstate organizations
- Set prices for session publications and codes
- Establish operating budget for ensuing fiscal years

### **July - December 2011\***

- Conduct strategic planning for 2011-12 interim
- Develop and implement strategic objectives throughout interim
- Receive updates on Legislative Services Division projects and activities
- Kumamoto Delegation

**Suggested dates:** August 25, 26 for strategic planning  
November 10, 2011

### **January - April 2012**

- Begin budget development for succeeding biennium
- Identify budget initiatives
- Begin to identify proposed legislation for Legislative Council sponsorship

**Suggested dates:** January 20-24, 2012 and March 7-8, 2012

### **May - August 2012**

- Review preliminary budget proposals for ensuing biennium
- Review Executive Branch agencies' proposed legislation for 2013 session

**Suggested dates:** May 10 or 11, August 24, 2012

### **August - October 2012\***

- Review and approve Legislative Branch Computer System Plan
- Approve budget submission prior to October 10
- Receive Code Commissioner Report
- Adopt Council-sponsored legislation
- Schedule caucus, new leg orientation, other trainings (i.e. committee chair)

**Suggested dates:** August 24, 2012

### **November 2012**

- Select legislative interns and assign interns to legislators
- Set prices for session proceedings

**Suggested dates:** To coincide with caucus(?), Nov 15-16 or 19-20, 2012

**\*Note:** It is quite common for a Kumamoto legislative delegation to visit Montana in August or September and request a meeting with the Legislative Council -- and especially the Speaker and President. This often happens with little advance notice.

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