

**2020-21 Draft Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee  
Work Plan Decision Matrix**

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The following studies were assigned to the ETIC by Legislative Council.						
Study the feasibility of advanced nuclear reactors	SJ 3	<p><b>.6 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options B &amp; C</li> <li>Potential field trip to the national nuclear energy lab</li> <li>Potential trip to Colstrip for public listening hearing</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Report</li> <li>White Papers</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	<p><b>.4 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of option C</li> <li>Panel discussions on current development of advanced nuclear technology</li> <li>Panel discussions on waste streams and safety</li> <li>Economic comparison to current coal-fired plants in the United States</li> <li>Analysis of other states actions regarding advanced reactors</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Report</li> <li>White Papers</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	<p><b>.2 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Montana policy related to nuclear energy.</li> <li>Review the waste stream and safety of advanced reactors</li> <li>Examine the functions of nuclear generation</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White Papers</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>	
Study of Montana Electric Grid Capacity	SJ 33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options B &amp; C</li> <li>Analysis of future electric loads</li> <li>Analysis of the impact of energy markets in other U.S. regions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Report</li> <li>White Papers</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of option C</li> <li>Panel discussions on current RTO/energy market developments</li> <li>Panel Discussion on current nongeneration technology on the grid</li> <li>Panel discussion on the role of the private sector, regulated utilities, and state government in grid development.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Report</li> <li>White Papers</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine potential and current regional market structures that consider Montana</li> <li>Examine current structural status of the Montana grid</li> <li>Review other states policies regarding the grid</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White Papers</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>	
Study of Facial Recognition Technology in Montana		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options B &amp; C</li> <li>Panel discussion on facial recognition technology</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Report</li> <li>White Papers</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of option C</li> <li>Examine the security of data used in facial recognition technology at state agencies</li> <li>Evaluate and propose protective measures for citizens in regard to facial recognition technology</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Report</li> <li>White Papers</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the agencies that use facial recognition technology and its purpose in Montana</li> <li>Study the use of facial recognition data in state agencies</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White Papers</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>	
The following are the ETIC's statutory duties						
Review state energy policy	Statute		<p><b>0.25 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-depth review of energy policy and discussion of change</li> <li>Involve public and agencies in review</li> <li>Explore energy export markets</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p>	<p><b>0.002 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review existing energy policy as required by statute. Provide for public input on policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of public comment</li> </ul>		

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Report</li> <li>◦ Potential legislation</li> </ul>	received and of ETIC discussion		
Review administrative rules	Statute		<p><b>0.03 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Staff provides ETIC copies of notices for the adoption of rules on all ETIC subjects (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information)</li> <li>◦ Committee requests it be copied on notification letters that the DPSR and/or PSC is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for</li> <li>◦ Committee attorney monitors and provides synopses of rules or subjects</li> </ul>	<p><b>0.02 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Staff provides ETIC copies of notices for the adoption of rules on certain ETIC subjects (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information)</li> <li>◦ Committee requests that it be copied on notification letters that the DPSR and/or PSC is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for</li> </ul>		
Review agency legislation	Statute		<p><b>0.005 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Committee reviews proposals from the DSPR and/or PSC and decides if staff should draft legislation for preintroduction</li> </ul>			
Monitor PSC activities	Statute	<p><b>0.05 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitor or investigate aspects of PSC programs</li> </ul>	<p><b>0.03 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitor or investigate aspects of a program, if and when ETIC chooses</li> </ul>			
Review utility USB reports	Statute	<p><b>. 1 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ All of Option B.</li> <li>◦ Analysis of USB program</li> <li>◦ Analysis of large customer reports</li> <li>◦ Panel discussions</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Potential legislation</li> <li>◦ Final report with alternatives and recommendations</li> </ul>	<p><b>0.03 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Committee reviews utility reports and decides if any comments on compliance are needed and if staff should assist</li> <li>◦ Collect public comment</li> </ul> <p><b>Deliverables:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Potential legislation</li> </ul>			
Review geothermal research	Statute		<p><b>0.002 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Committee reviews Bureau of Mines and Geology reports and determines if comments are needed or if staff should assist</li> </ul>			
Review Hydroelectric Projects	Statute		<p><b>0.002 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Committee reviews DNRC reports and determines if comments are needed or if staff should assist</li> </ul>			
Review High-Performance Building Program	Statute		<p><b>0.002 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Committee reviews DOA reports related to the use of high-performance buildings</li> </ul>			
Review 9-1-1 next-generation grants	Statute		<p><b>0.002 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Committee receives report from DOA on distribution of grants</li> </ul>			

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			for next-generation 9-1-1 infrastructure			
The following topics are <u>optional</u> , and it is up to ETIC committee members whether to pursue them as studies or as potential agenda items.						
Member Topics	Member topic	<b>.4 FTE</b> <b>Deliverables:</b> ◦ Interim Report ◦ White Papers ◦ Legislation	<b>.3 FTE</b> <b>Deliverables:</b> ◦ Interim Report ◦ White Papers ◦ Legislation	<b>.2 FTE</b> <b>Deliverables:</b> ◦ Panel discussion	<b>No Action</b>	
Programmatic Review	Expanded Duties	<b>.2-Avail FTE</b> ◦ Option B ◦ Multiple staff reports on subject ◦ Multiple agency presentations ◦ In-depth review of subject ◦ Possible subcommittee effort  <b>Deliverables:</b> ◦ White paper ◦ Legislation	<b>.06-.2 FTE</b> ◦ Option C ◦ History and overview of applicable statutes ◦ Staff interviews with program personnel ◦ Staff summaries of related audit and fiscal work and any court decisions ◦ Additional staff research ◦ Legal review of specific subjects ◦ Multiple regulated community panels  <b>Deliverables:</b> ◦ Staff report ◦ Legislation	<b>.02-.06 FTE</b> ◦ (See attached document) ◦ Staff summary of program ◦ Agency presentation ◦ Bibliography of related materials including audits or fiscal analysis, including court cases ◦ Regulated community panel  <b>Deliverables:</b> ◦ Summary with potential recommendations ◦ Legislation		
<b>Total Resources Available</b>						<b>1 FTE</b>

**FTE Available to ETIC**

- .05 FTE = 144 hrs = 18 days
- .10 FTE = 288 hrs = 36 days
- .25 FTE = 720 hrs = 90 days
- .50 FTE = 1440 hrs = 180 days
- .75 FTE = 2160 hrs = 270 days
- 1 Interim FTE = 16.5 months = 2880 hrs

A member may request the committee learn about an issue as an agenda item as opposed to incorporating into the work plan. Additional topics also may be requested as agenda items that do not need to be incorporated into the work plan.