

EAIC Interim Studies

Tasks, Activities & Timelines

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SJ30 Study Objectives

Study Tasks Listed in Resolution	Committee Activities	Staff Deliverables
(1) Examine wine production, including processes of harvesting, crushing, fermentation, clarification, packaging, labeling, and storage	Panel Presentation	Staff Research Paper
(2) Examine the marketing of wine, including demographics, wine tourism, and other consumer behavior	Panel or Agency Presentation	Staff Research Paper
(3) Examine regulatory requirements and constraints as provided in Title 16 and by the US Dept. of Treasury	Agency Presentation	Staff Attorney Presentation
(4) Examine additional licensing opportunities for wine production, manufacturing, and sales.	Committee Discussion	Staff Options Paper

Note: All committee activities include committee questions, discussion, and opportunity for public comment

SJ30 Study Timeline

September 2023

- Background information on wine industry and regulatory information

November 2023

- Panel discussion on wine production and marketing

January 2024

- Additional background information if necessary

March 2024

- Identify further issues and options, if necessary
- Field trip, if desired

May 2024

- Discuss options
- Propose recommendations

June 2024

- Draft recommendations
- Draft legislation, if any

August 2024

- Review & approve final report & any legislation

Workforce Study Objectives

Study Tasks Listed in Draft Work Plan	Committee Activities	Staff Deliverables
(1) Childcare & the workforce: review legislation passed regarding childcare; examine opportunities for improvement	Panel Discussion	Legislation Review
(2) Follow up on last interim's Benefits Cliff study; review tiered system; CLIFF tool use by DLI	Panel or Agency Presentation	Staff Research Paper
(3) Review of DLI legislation implementation: review & monitor implementation of changes to board structures & procedures	Agency Presentation	Legislation Summary
(4) Licensing law revisions: review HB152 (Title 37 overhaul); examine opportunities for improvement	Panel Discussion	Legislation Review
(5) Big Sky Economic Development Fund Changes (HB881): review of program changes by Department of Commerce; review potential/projected impact on workforce development	Agency Presentation	Legislation Summary
(6) Montana Microbusiness Loan Program: review possible revisions to the loan fund program for business startups and expansions	Panel or Agency Presentation	Legislation Summary or Research Paper
(7) Montana State Fund Review: review recent audit; look at why MSF handles residual market; look at why MSF has an "irrevocable certificate of authority"	Presentations	Handout of prior study on subject

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Workforce Study Timeline

September 2023

- Overview of topics
- Agency presentation
- Staff review

November 2023

- Childcare & the workforce
- CLIFF tool
- Licensing law revisions

January 2024

- Continuation of November topics
- DOC workforce programs

March 2024

- DLI legislation implementation update
- MSF review
- Other items as needed

May 2024

- Final discussions
- Discuss options
- Propose recommendations

June 2024

- Draft recommendations
- Draft legislation, if any

August 2024

- Review & approve final report & any legislation

Marijuana Study Objectives

Study Tasks Listed in Draft Work Plan	Committee Activities	Staff Deliverables
(1) Marijuana consumption lounges: overview of concept; other states' practices; policy options	Panel or Agency Presentation	Staff Research Paper
(2) Synthetic Marijuana Ban (HB948) implementation monitoring: review implementation of legislation; receive updates from task force; policy improvement options	Agency and Task Force Presentations	Legislation Summary (if desired)
(3) Previous interim study follow-up; review of latest data	Presentation	Presentation & Data Tools
(4) Rule review: monitor rulemaking for CCD	Agency updates	Staff memos

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Marijuana Study Timeline

September 2023

- Background on consumption lounges
- Update on marijuana metrics
- Update from CCD

November 2023

- Additional information on topics

January 2024

- Additional discussion if necessary

March 2024

- Update from Synthetic Marijuana Task Force

May 2024

- Discuss options
- Field trip, if desired
- Propose recommendations

June 2024

- Draft recommendations
- Draft legislation, if any

August 2024

- Review & approve final report & any legislation

Agriculture Study Objectives

Study Tasks Listed in Draft Work Plan	Committee Activities	Staff Deliverables
(1) 2023 Farm Bill: monitor the progress of the federal legislation and its impacts on state policy. Potential topics to monitor are industrial hemp, rural economic development and infrastructure growth, ag workforce programs, Dept. of Ag priority items.	Agency Updates	Monitoring Options Memo
(2) Ag production in Montana: review leading farm commodities, ag exports & imports, trends, meat processed in state vs. shipped out to process. Can also look at farm to table, ag jobs, Made in Montana, Grown in Montana programs, etc.	Panel or Agency Presentation	Staff Research Paper Data Analysis Tool
(3) Ag data privacy: examine ag data collection and use by manufacturers; determine how the state can protect the data privacy rights of farmers and ranchers	Panel Discussion	Staff Research Paper
(4) Hemp/marijuana/synthetic marijuana: monitor 2023 Farm Bill for changes to federal definition of industrial hemp; possible field trip to analytic lab to learn about testing, especially testing for synthetic marijuana	Agency presentation Potential Field Trip	Monitoring Options Memo

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Agriculture Study Timeline

September 2023

- Farm Bill update

November 2023

- Ag production data

January 2024

- Ag data collection

March 2024

- Identify further issues and options, if necessary

May 2024

- Discuss options
- Field trip, if desired
- Propose recommendations

June 2024

- Draft recommendations
- Draft legislation, if any

August 2024

- Review & approve final report & any legislation

Housing Study Objectives

Study Tasks Listed in Draft Work Plan	Committee Activities	Staff Deliverables
(1) HB819 implementation monitoring: review activities by Department of Commerce & Governor's Office of Economic Development for implementation of bill; policy improvement discussion	Agency Presentations	Options Memo
(2) HOA covenants: review current statutes & upcoming proposed legislation; look at ways to improve	Committee Discussion	Legislation Review
(3) Housing affordability & availability: receive updates from other committees and work groups on subject	Presentations	

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Housing Study Timeline

January 2024

- Review of other committees' work so far
- Update from Commerce & GOED on HB819

March 2024

- HOA Covenants updates, if necessary
- Additional updates, if necessary
- Identify further issues and options

May 2024

- Potential LAD or another presentation/update
- Discuss options
- Propose recommendations

June 2024

- Draft recommendations
- Draft legislation, if any

August 2024

- Review & approve final report & any legislation

Anticipated Agency Involvement

September 2023	November 2023	January 2024	March 2024	May 2024	June 2024	August 2024
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Questions & Discussion