

2023-24 Local Government Interim Committee Work Plan Decision Matrix - *Adopted September 7, 2023*

Member suggested topics for LGIC consideration

Topic	Source	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Monitor 2023 Land Use Legislation	Suggested by Sens. Trebas and Dunwell, and Rep. Brewster	.35+ FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B Review and analyze all land use/housing bills including housing incentives such as HB 819 Dive deeper into underlying issues causing housing crisis Compare/contrast various cities, towns, and counties with different levels of housing affordability to determine successful processes <i>Possible field trip(s): visit locations with success stories or areas with specific housing challenges</i> 	.25 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Review current zoning and subdivision processes and compare to SB 382 and other bills Develop monitoring tool to adequately capture results of implementing SB 382 Analyze reasons for potential and actual challenges to implementation and research solutions Multiple panel discussions 	.15 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic training on land use terms and processes Review the requirements of SB 382 Request feedback from cities meeting the requirement thresholds of SB 382 Review the basic requirements of other housing bills, on committee's request Stakeholder panel 	No Action
Local Impacts of Housing State Inmates	Suggested by Rep. Oblander	.40 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B Compare local government public safety costs and funding methods Analyze impact of housing state inmates on local tax base Compare current capacity of county detention centers <i>Possible field trip(s): tour a detention center and learn more about house inmates are housed, visit locations running various pilot programs to reduce costs/recidivism/pre-conviction time in detention</i> 	.30 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Examine areas of higher or rising crime and arrests Receive data related to costs of housing pre- and post- convicted persons Compile information from various cities and counties (urban vs. rural) to determine scope of challenges Receive updates and/or data from the Department of Corrections 	.20 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the history of detention center reimbursement costs, including an analysis of HB 174 Summary of current arrest to conviction process and jurisdiction including statutes governing detention centers and payments Stakeholder panel 	No Action

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Local Fire Protection Consolidation Strategies	Suggested by Rep. Gist	.20 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option B • Identify other states with similar issues and compare • Broaden scope to include additional or new challenges in fire protection • Identify alternative frameworks for fire protection 	.15 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option C • Summary of current firefighting jurisdictions and strategies, i.e. difference between wildland fire (DNRC) and local fire protection • Analyze issues with past legislation • Determine specific problem areas and continue working within similar framework 	.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review past legislation • Review 2017-1018 interim study 	No Action
Long-term Care System	Suggested by Sen. Dunwell	.40 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option B • Compare challenges and policy solutions of other states • Identify areas in the state with a high potential of losing long-term care services • Analyze the use of staffing agencies and contract care 	.30 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option C • Analyze long-term care costs and factors leading to possible rising costs • Summary of options for patients when nursing homes close – panel discussion • Research reasons for staffing shortages 	.20 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of current long-term care services and industry challenges • Receive update from Department of Health and Human Services regarding current processes • Summary of basic impacts of a lack of long-term care options on local governments 	No Action
Rental Affordability	Suggested by Sen. Dunwell	.20 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option B • Compare policies in other states • Research economic impacts of high rental costs on local areas 	.15 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option C • Analyze potential causes leading to increased rental costs • Summary of current rental assistance programs, including programs to incentivize more rental units 	.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile current rental cost data over the last 5 years • Summary of recent rental-related legislation 	No Action
Property Tax - Local Government Focus	Suggested by Sen. Trebas & Sen. Dunwell		.20 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option C • Receive local government budgeting workshop to review how 15-10-420, MCA is currently implemented • Examine the concept of SB 511 and determine if similar changes to 15-10-420, MCA may be warranted • Analyze how inflation and newly taxable property impact the local cap • Monitor SB332 implementation 	.10 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the history of 15-10-420, MCA • Summary of recent legislation proposing changes to 15-10-420, MCA • Stakeholder panel 	No Action

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Statutorily Required Duty				
Topic	Source	Option B	Option C	Option D
Review of Unfunded Mandate Laws	5-5-232(8)	.05+ FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option CInvite local government representatives to discuss impacts of specific legislation and how local governments plan to meet the requirements	.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Receive copies of the four bills enacted in 2023 that superseded the local government funding mandate requirementsReview fiscal notes	No Action
Additional agenda items and/or educational topics				
Agenda Item	Option C			Option D
Review of HB33 Veto	.05+ FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Option CReceive analysis from the Governor's Office and stakeholders regarding the sufficiency of the veto letter arguments.Possibly research options to satisfy the governor's concerns and re-draft similar legislation		.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review the history of HB 33 and the veto letter	No Action
2024 Voter Review	.01+ FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Receive a training from the MSU Local Government Center and any other relevant stakeholders on the voter review process. The training covers the differences between self-governing and general government powers and the various forms of government provided in statute.The committee may expand the agenda item to include a panel of local government officials and/or study commissions to learn more about the process.			No Action
LFC MARA Study Updates	.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Receive updates from MARA staff on topics that relate to local government revenue, expenditures, and infrastructure.If the LGIC presiding officers are invited to attend a MARA committee, receive updates from the presiding officers.			No Action
City and County Planning Training	.01 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Receive city/county planning training to review basic processes and legislative considerations			No Action
Department of Environmental Quality	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Receive updates from DEQ on the implementation of SB 285 and HB 364 and receive the Subdivisions Annual Report			No Action
Total Resources Utilized/ Total Resources Available				1.0*/1 FTE

* The committee reserved .12 FTE for emerging issues that may be added during the interim process.