

2023-24 Local Government Interim Committee Work Plan Decision Matrix

Member suggested topics for LGIC consideration

Topic	Source	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Monitor 2023 Housing Legislation	Suggested by Sen. Trebas, Dunwell, and Rep. Brewster	<p style="text-align: center;">.35+ FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option B • Review and analyze all land use/housing bills including housing incentives such as HB819 • Deeper dive 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> 	<p style="text-align: center;">.25 FTE</p> <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 SB382 • Analyze reasons for potential and actual challenges to implementation and research solutions • Multiple panel discussions 	<p style="text-align: center;">.15 FTE</p> <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 SB382 • 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	<p style="text-align: center;">.40 FTE</p> <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> 	<p style="text-align: center;">.30 FTE</p> <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 	<p style="text-align: center;">.20 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the history of detention center reimbursement costs, including an analysis of HB174 • 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	<p style="text-align: center;">.20 FTE</p> <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 	<p style="text-align: center;">.15 FTE</p> <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 	<p style="text-align: center;">.10 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review past legislation • Review 2017-1018 interim study 	No Action
Long-term Care System	Suggested by Sen. Dunwell	<p style="text-align: center;">.40 FTE</p> <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 	<p style="text-align: center;">.30 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option C • Analysis of 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 	<p style="text-align: center;">.20 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of current long-term care services and industry challenges • 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	<p style="text-align: center;">.20 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option B • Compare policies in other states • Research economic impacts of high rental costs on local areas 	<p style="text-align: center;">.15 FTE</p> <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 	<p style="text-align: center;">.10 FTE</p> <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		<p style="text-align: center;">.20 FTE</p> <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 SB511 and determine if similar changes to 15-10-420, MCA may be warranted • Analyze how inflation and newly taxable property impact the local cap 	<p style="text-align: center;">.10 FTE</p> <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)	<p style="text-align: center;">.05+ FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option C • Invite local government representatives to discuss impacts of specific legislation and how local governments plan to meet the requirements 	<p style="text-align: center;">.01 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive copies of the four bills enacted in 2023 that superseded the local government funding mandate requirements • Review fiscal notes 	No Action	
Additional agenda items and/or educational topics					
Agenda Item	Option C			Option D	
Review of HB33 Veto	<p style="text-align: center;">.05+ FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Option C ○ Receive 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 			<p style="text-align: center;">.01 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review the history of HB 33 and the veto letter 	No Action
2024 Voter Review	<p style="text-align: center;">.01+ FTE</p> <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	<p style="text-align: center;">.01 FTE</p> <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	<p style="text-align: center;">.01 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Receive city/county planning training to review basic processes and legislative considerations 			No Action	
Total Resources Utilized/ Total Resources Available					
				/1 FTE	