

**2023-24 Local Government Interim Committee**  
**Work Plan Decision Matrix - Preliminarily adopted July 12**

**Member suggested topics for LGIC consideration**

Topic	Source	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
<b>Monitor 2023 Housing Legislation</b>	Suggested by Sen. Trebas, Dunwell, and Rep. Brewster	<p align="center"><b>.35+ FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Option B</b></li> <li>Review and analyze all land use/housing bills including housing incentives such as HB819</li> <li>Deeper dive into underlying issues causing housing crisis</li> <li>Compare/contrast various cities, towns, and counties with different levels of housing affordability to determine successful processes</li> <li><i>Possible field trip(s): visit locations with success stories or areas with specific housing challenges</i></li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>.25 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Option C</b></li> <li>Review current zoning and subdivision processes and compare to SB 382 and other bills</li> <li>Develop monitoring tool to adequately capture results of implementing SB382</li> <li>Analyze reasons for potential and actual challenges to implementation and research solutions</li> <li>Multiple panel discussions</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>.15 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic training on land use terms and processes</li> <li>Review the requirements of SB 382</li> <li>Request feedback from cities meeting the requirement thresholds of SB382</li> <li>Review the basic requirements of other housing bills, on committee's request</li> <li>Stakeholder panel</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>Local Impacts of Housing State Inmates</b>	Suggested by Rep. Oblander	<p align="center"><b>.40 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Option B</b></li> <li>Compare local government public safety costs and funding methods</li> <li>Analyze impact of housing state inmates on local tax base</li> <li>Compare current capacity of county detention centers</li> <li><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></li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>.30 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Option C</b></li> <li>Examine areas of higher or rising crime and arrests</li> <li>Receive data related to costs of housing pre- and post- convicted persons</li> <li>Compile information from various cities and counties (urban vs. rural) to determine scope of challenges</li> <li>Receive updates and/or data from the Department of Corrections</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>.20 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the history of detention center reimbursement costs, including an analysis of HB174</li> <li>Summary of current arrest to conviction process and jurisdiction including statutes governing detention centers and payments</li> <li>Stakeholder panel</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>

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<b>Local Fire Protection Consolidation Strategies</b>	Suggested by Rep. Gist	<p align="center"><b>.20 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option B</b></li> <li>• Identify other states with similar issues and compare</li> <li>• Broaden scope to include additional or new challenges in fire protection</li> <li>• Identify alternative frameworks for fire protection</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>.15 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option C</b></li> <li>• Summary of current firefighting jurisdictions and strategies, i.e. difference between wildland fire (DNRC) and local fire protection</li> <li>• Analyze issues with past legislation</li> <li>• Determine specific problem areas and continue working within similar framework</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>.10 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review past legislation</li> <li>• Review 2017-1018 interim study</li> </ul>	No Action
<b>Long-term Care System</b>	Suggested by Sen. Dunwell	<p align="center"><b>.40 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option B</b></li> <li>• Compare challenges and policy solutions of other states</li> <li>• Identify areas in the state with a high potential of losing long-term care services</li> <li>• Analyze the use of staffing agencies and contract care</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>.30 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option C</b></li> <li>• Analysis of long-term care costs and factors leading to possible rising costs</li> <li>• Summary of options for patients when nursing homes close – panel discussion</li> <li>• Research reasons for staffing shortages</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>.20 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of current long-term care services and industry challenges</li> <li>• Update from Department of Health and Human Services regarding current processes</li> <li>• Summary of basic impacts of a lack of long-term care options on local governments</li> </ul>	No Action
<b>Rental Affordability</b>	Suggested by Sen. Dunwell	<p align="center"><b>.20 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option B</b></li> <li>• Compare policies in other states</li> <li>• Research economic impacts of high rental costs on local areas</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>.15 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option C</b></li> <li>• Analyze potential causes leading to increased rental costs</li> <li>• Summary of current rental assistance programs, including programs to incentivize more rental units</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>.10 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compile current rental cost data over the last 5 years</li> <li>• Summary of recent rental-related legislation</li> </ul>	No Action
<b>Property Tax - Local Government Focus</b>	Suggested by Sen. Trebas & Sen. Dunwell		<p align="center"><b>.20 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option C</b></li> <li>• Receive local government budgeting workshop to review how 15-10-420, MCA is currently implemented</li> <li>• Examine the concept of SB511 and determine if similar changes to 15-10-420, MCA may be warranted</li> <li>• Analyze how inflation and newly taxable property impact the local cap</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>.10 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the history of 15-10-420, MCA</li> <li>• Summary of recent legislation proposing changes to 15-10-420, MCA</li> <li>• Stakeholder panel</li> </ul>	No Action

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Statutorily Required Duty					
Topic	Source	Option B	Option C	Option D	
<b>Review of Unfunded Mandate Laws</b>	5-5-232(8)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.05+ FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option C</b></li> <li>• Invite local government representatives to discuss impacts of specific legislation and how local governments plan to meet the requirements</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.01 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive copies of the four bills enacted in 2023 that superseded the local government funding mandate requirements</li> <li>• Review fiscal notes</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>	
Additional agenda items and/or educational topics					
Agenda Item	Option C			Option D	
<b>Review of HB33 Veto</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.05+ FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Option C</b></li> <li>○ Receive analysis from the governor's office and stakeholders regarding the sufficiency of the veto letter arguments.</li> <li>○ Possibly research options to satisfy the governor's concerns and re-draft similar legislation</li> </ul>			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.01 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review the history of HB 33 and the veto letter</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>2024 Voter Review</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.01+ FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul>			<b>No Action</b>	
<b>LFC MARA Study Updates</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.01 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Receive updates from MARA staff on topics that relate to local government revenue, expenditures, and infrastructure.</li> <li>○ If the LGIC presiding officers are invited to attend a MARA committee, receive updates from the presiding officers.</li> </ul>			<b>No Action</b>	
<b>City and County Planning Training</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.01 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Receive city/county planning training to review basic processes and legislative considerations</li> </ul>			<b>No Action</b>	
<b>Total Resources Utilized/ Total Resources Available</b>				<b>.98* /1 FTE</b>	

\* The committee reserved .15FTE for emerging issues and may revisit the member topics in September pending action by other committees, namely the Law and Justice Interim Committee and the Child, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee.