

2013-14 Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Work Plan Decision Matrix

Topic	Why is this a topic?	Option A Marathon	Option B 10K	Option C 5K	Option D BK	Resources Allocated
The following are the ETIC's statutory duties.						
Review State Energy Policy	Statute		<p>0.25 FTE ✓ In-depth review of energy policy approved by the 2011 Legislature and discussion of changes to specific policy.</p> <p>✓ Involve public and agencies in reviewing specific aspects of existing energy policy or additional policy areas.</p> <p>Deliverables: ✓ Report discussing specific aspects reviewed by committee.</p> <p>✓ Potential legislation.</p>	<p>0.002 FTE ✓ Review existing energy policy as required by statute. Provide for public input on policy.</p> <p>Deliverables: ✓ Summary of public comment received and of committee discussion.</p>		.002
Review Administrative Rules	Statute		<p>0.03 FTE ✓ Staff provides Committee copies of notices for the adoption of rules on all ETIC subjects. (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information.)</p> <p>✓ 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.</p> <p>✓ Committee attorney monitors and provides synopses of proposed rules or subjects Committee needs to know about.</p>	<p>0.02 FTE ✓ Staff provides Committee copies of notices for the adoption of rules on certain ETIC subjects. (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information.)</p> <p>✓ 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.</p>		.025
Review agency legislation	Statute		<p>0.005 FTE ✓ Committee reviews proposals from the DSPR and/or PSC and decides if staff should draft legislation for preintroduction.</p>			.005
Monitor PSC activity	Statute	<p>0.05 FTE ✓ Monitor or investigate aspects of PSC programs.</p>	<p>0.03 FTE ✓ Monitor or investigate aspects of a program, if and when the Committee so chooses.</p>			.03

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Review utility USB reports	Statute	.1 FTE ✓ All of Option B. ✓ Staff completes analysis of historical use of USB funds. ✓ Panel discussions from multiple stakeholders. Deliverables: ✓ Potential legislation. ✓ Final report with recommendations and alternatives.	0.03 FTE ✓ Committee reviews utility reports and decides if any comments on compliance are needed and if staff should assist. ✓ Collect public comment on USB reporting requirements. ✓ Staff tracks PSC's investigation of USB electric and natural gas spending. ✓ PSC provides overview of outcome of its investigation. Deliverables: ✓ Potential legislation.			.03
Review REC Reports	Statute		0.002 FTE ✓ Committee reviews reports and decides if any changes, in terms of legislation should be proposed to the 2015 Legislature.			.002
Review Geothermal Research	Statute		0.002 FTE ✓ Committee reviews Bureau of Mines and Geology reports and decides if any comments are needed and if staff should assist.			.002
Review Hydroelectric Projects	Statute		0.002 FTE ✓ Committee reviews DNRC reports related to hydroelectric potential at state-owned facilities.			.002

The following study was assigned to the ETIC by Legislative Council.

Study Montana's Renewable Portfolio Standard	SJ 6	.6 FTE ✓ All of Option B. ✓ Review all points outlined in SJ 6. ✓ Evaluate standards impact on consumer rates. ✓ Include some review of other Western state's standards and impacts to Montana. ✓ Analysis of Montana's standard and utilities and suppliers compliance with legislation. Deliverables: ✓ Potential legislation. ✓ Final report with recommendations and alternatives.	.4 FTE. ✓ All of Option C ✓ Evaluate economic and environmental impacts of standard in limited manner. ✓ Panel discussion from multiple stakeholders. Deliverables: ✓ Potential legislation. ✓ White paper.	.2 FTE ✓ Review of how utilities and suppliers are meeting the standard. ✓ Panel discussion from utilities and suppliers. Deliverables: ✓ Potential legislation.		.6
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The following topics are optional and it is up to ETIC committee members whether to pursue them as studies or as potential agenda items.						
Revise ETIC Publications	Historic precedence	.25 FTE ✓ Complete overhaul of both <i>A Citizen's Guide to Montana Energy Law</i> and <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> . ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	.10 FTE ✓ Minimal updates to <i>The Citizens Guide to Energy Law</i> . ✓ Update text and statistics, with DEQ taking the lead and staff providing assistance, in <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> . ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	.05 FTE ✓ Minimal updates to <i>A Citizen's Guide to Montana Energy Law</i> . ✓ Provide link to DEQ's updated statistics to <i>Understanding Electricity in Montana</i> . ✓ ETIC reviews and approves updates.	No Action	.05
Study Green Schools Standards	Sen. Driscoll	.4 FTE ✓ All of Option B. ✓ Analysis of direct and indirect financing opportunities for construction, renovation, operations, and maintenance for green schools. ✓ Request Education and Local Government Committee participate in analysis and discussion. Deliverables: ✓ Potential legislation. ✓ Final report with recommendations and alternatives.	.15 FTE. ✓ All of Option C ✓ Evaluate green school construction, renovation, and operations and maintenance practices in other Western states. ✓ Analysis of impacts of green building standards for new schools and major renovations. ✓ Discussion of energy performance measures and indoor air quality improvements. Deliverables: ✓ Potential legislation. ✓ White paper.	.05 FTE ✓ Review of how Montana is promoting green schools. ✓ Panel discussion from school districts on how more could be done. Deliverables: ✓ Potential legislation.	No Action	.05
Review Interoperability	Sen. Olson		.1 FTE ✓ All of Option B. ✓ Track interoperability meetings by having staff attend meetings and update committee. ✓ Analysis of Interoperability funding history and pending issues. Deliverables: ✓ Staff white paper. ✓ Potential legislation.	.002 FTE ✓ Receive an overview of DOA work on emergency radio and broadband network issues. ✓ Invite stakeholders to share comments with the committee. Deliverables: ✓ Potential legislation.	No Action	.002
Total Available Resources						<u>.80</u>

FTE Available to ETIC

1 FTE = roughly 15 months = 2,595 hours

.80 FTE = 2,083 hours = 261 days

.75 FTE = 1,952 hrs = 244 days

.50 FTE = 1,299 hrs = 162 days

.25 FTE = 648 hrs = 81 days

.05 FTE = 128 hrs = 16 days

✓ 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.