

Education and Local Government Interim Committee

Work Plan Chart

(revised to reflect changes and additions requested by ELG members at June 30, 2009, meeting)

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Statutory Duties						
Administrative rule review	Rule review duties, discussion	Rules report from legal staff	Rules report from legal staff	Rules report from legal staff	Rules report from legal staff	Rules report from legal staff
Review/request of agency legislation	Initial discussion regarding ELG review of agency legislation, what it means, whether to require supermajority vote			Determine how ELG intends to conduct agency legislation review, vote to be required	Draft legislation review, requests on behalf of agencies	Final review of requested legislation
Adoption or amendment of accreditation standard (20-7-101, MCA)		Report from LFD staff and BPE on ELG-requested fiscal analysis and process for requiring fiscal analysis		Presentation of options; ELG discussion on whether statute changes or timeframe adjustments are appropriate		Review and final authorization of any draft legislation ELG has requested

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Assigned Studies						
HJR 32 - study historic preservation	Initial description of study request, public input, committee suggestions and requests for information	Staff will have provided committee with: statutes governing historic preservation; current funding structure, funding sources; information to be provided by SHPO, Preservation Alliance, MT Arts Council, Department of Commerce (HB 645 grants)	Staff report on study progress including other states' studies and programs and best practices	Staff update on progress; possible additional presentations	Committee review/amendment of draft recommendations; request draft legislation if determined to be appropriate	Final review of recommendations, draft legislation, or recommendations for inclusion in budgets
SJR 2 - study community college establishment	Initial description of study	Background and description of issues provided by ELG legal staff; committee directions for additional study	Study update	Study update	Consideration of options for legislation; review white paper report; request for draft legislation if determined to be appropriate	Final review of any legislation requested; ELG recommendations

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Shared Policy Goal Resolutions						
HJR 6 - K-12 shared policy goals and accountability measures	ELG decision to designate a subcommittee	Agency comments; subcommittee appointments	Agencies update subcommittee, discussion; Subcommittee report to ELG, discussion	Agencies update subcommittee, discussion; subcommittee report to ELG, discussion	Subcommittee report; ELG request for draft legislation if determined to be appropriate	Review of subcommittee final report; adoption/revision of subcommittee recommendations
SJR 8 - K-20 shared policy goals and accountability measures	ELG decision to designate a subcommittee	Agency comments; subcommittee appointments	Agencies update subcommittee, discussion; Subcommittee report to ELG, discussion	Agencies update subcommittee, discussion; subcommittee report to ELG, discussion	Subcommittee report; ELG request for draft legislation if determined to be appropriate	Review of subcommittee final report; adoption/revision of subcommittee recommendations
Other Education-Related Topics in ELG's Subject Area Jurisdiction						
Virtual Academy	Request for inclusion in work plan	Report from Chair and Vice-chair of Montana Virtual Academy; ELG requests for further information	As requested	As requested	As requested	As requested

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<p>2-year Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making Opportunity Affordable initiative Integrated IT approach 	ELG requests information; discussion with Commissioner of Higher Education	Report from Office of Commissioner of Higher Education on state and future of 2-year education; ELG requests for further information	Report on Integrated IT approach	Progress on MOA initiative; requests for ELG assistance	ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of any draft legislation; ELG recommendations
<p>Higher Education stimulus projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition mitigation Distance learning Sawfly research and local government center Energy conservation projects 	Request for inclusion in work plan		Update on projects; requests for additional information	Update on projects; requests for additional information	ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of any draft legislation; ELG recommendations
<p>Transferability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From one higher education institution to another From one high school district to another <p>(likely to be discussed in SJR 8 and HJR 6 subcommittee and included in subcommittee report to ELG)</p>	Initial discussion; request for inclusion in work plan	Assign to subcommittee	SJR 8/HJR 6 Subcommittee report	SJR 8/ HJR 6 Subcommittee report	Subcommittee report; ELG request for draft legislation if determined to be appropriate	Review of subcommittee final report; adoption/revision of subcommittee recommendations
Distance learning	Request for inclusion in work plan		Report on topic, challenges, requests for committee assistance		ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of any draft legislation; ELG recommendations

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Dual enrollment (likely to be discussed in SJR 8 and HJR 6 subcommittee and included in subcommittee report to ELG)	Request for inclusion in work plan		Subcommittee update to ELG	Report on topic, challenges, requests for committee assistance; subcommittee update	ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of any draft legislation; ELG recommendations
Driver's education	ELG requests information	Report on cell phone use and texting; ELG requests for additional information	As requested	As requested	ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of any draft legislation; ELG recommendations
Stimulus grants, distribution of funds	Request for inclusion in work plan	LFD and Department of Commerce discuss interpretation of HB 645 language regarding expenditure of funds; update from Department of Commerce on grants and distribution of funds	Update	Discussion (panel?) with education agencies and organizations regarding future of funding, predictions of a funding "cliff"	Update	Update; ELG recommendations, if any
SJR 9 - student loans (assigned to LFC)		Report from LFD on LFC discussion	As requested	As requested	As requested	As requested

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Workforce training in correctional system	Request for inclusion in work plan			Panel discussion	ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of any draft legislation; ELG recommendations
Miscellaneous reports from OPI, OCHE, BPE, other entities		Board of Public Education introductory information; OPI report on "Race to the Top"	As requested	As requested	As requested	As requested
Other Local Government-Related Topics in ELG's Subject Area Jurisdiction						
TIF/urban renewal	Request for possible inclusion in work plan	Report on TIF manual from Governor's Office of Economic Development; ELG requests for additional information	As requested	As requested	ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of any draft legislation; ELG recommendations

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School district/county budgeting timelines	MACo report on the problem, bill history; Sen. Gebhardt and Rep. McClafferty designated to work on issue with MACo	Sen. Gebhardt and Rep. McClafferty meet with MACo, provide update	Update, directions to staff on legislation drafting	Update (staff to be drafting legislation)	Staff presentation of legislation; ELG determination whether to formally request legislation	Final review of any draft legislation; ELG recommendations
Stimulus projects/grants	Request for inclusion in work plan, coordination with LFD		Department of Commerce, LFD report on grants to local governments	Reports as requested	Department of Commerce, LFD report on grants to local governments	
Interim zoning	Request for inclusion in work plan	Introduction of the issue by legal staff; review of recent legislation; brief introduction by Montana Association of Realtors, Montana Smart Growth Coalition; Montana Association of Counties	Panel discussion, presentation of options	Update if necessary	ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of draft legislation; ELG recommendations

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Fire mitigation in wildland-urban interface	ELG request for information, legal analysis	Staff report on DNRC WUI guidelines and rulemaking process; review EQC's work on HJR 30; legal staff's opinion on local access to federal land; requests for additional information	Update on EQC work on HJR 30; other information as requested	Review and discussion of LC 1996 ("fireplane" bill) and whether any organization or legislator may be pursuing it	ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of draft legislation; ELG recommendations
Urban-rural gap	Request for inclusion in work plan	Report from Dr. Bill Bryan, Rural Landscape Institute; ELG requests for additional information	As requested	As requested	ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of draft legislation or recommendations
City street maintenance agreements with Department of Transportation	Notice to ELG that this may be problematic			Update from DOT and Montana League of Cities and Towns	ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of draft legislation or recommendations

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Implementation of HB 608 - Lien for purposes of debris removal	Recommendation to ELG that it may want to follow this			Update as necessary - has authority been implemented, particularly in towns where buildings have been damaged or destroyed (Bozeman, Butte, Miles City, Whitehall)	ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of draft legislation or recommendations
Local government impact statements for legislation	Recommendation to ELG that it may want to discuss the issue		Report on process, need for revision		ELG request of draft legislation or recommendations if determined to be appropriate	Final review of draft legislation or recommendations