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<p>The following topics are either legislative study resolution requests assigned by the Legislative Council to the EQC or member suggested issues.</p>						
<p>SJ 5 Study of Coal Phase Out</p>	<p>Study Resolution</p>	<p>.25 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B intensified Explore alternative revenue options <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation 	<p>.1 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Analyze economic impacts of reduced coal production Review other coal states <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation 	<p>.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview coal industry and market Summarize coal tax revenue Panel discussion <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary Recommendations Legislation (if any) 	<p>No Action</p>	
<p>SJ 9 Study of Chronic Wasting Disease</p>	<p>Study resolution</p>	<p>.2 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B intensified Review potential impacts of CWD on deer, elk, and moose populations and the MT economy and review the potential for transmission to humans and methods of prevention <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation 	<p>.1 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Review the presence and incidence of CWD in surrounding states and provinces and its proximity to wildlife corridors; review existing measures and emerging technologies to prevent CWD; review best practices for management of infected herds Organize panel discussions <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation 	<p>.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow DFWP development of CWD action response plans and the work of the citizen advisory panel reviewing the plans <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary Recommendations Legislation (if any) 	<p>No Action</p>	
<p>Study MSU laboratories</p>	<p>HB 661</p>	<p>.15 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B intensified <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation (if any) 	<p>.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Additional research for Finance Committee/EQC Lab visits Panel discussions <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation (if any) 	<p>.025 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review past EQC work for Finance Committee/EQC Regular updates on Finance Committee work 	<p>No Action</p>	

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State Parks Program Evaluation	Member Issue	<p>.15 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B intensified Update peer analysis of neighboring state park systems Comparison with other states' strategic plans and lands policies <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation 	<p>.075 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Deeper analysis of existing park management plus motorized and non-motorized trail grants and local government recreation grants Panel discussions on various issues <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation 	<p>.03 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of existing state park management Review of EQC 2011-12 study Review of 5-year strategic plan, lands policy, park classification policy, peer analysis, and facility condition inventories Track infrastructure projects funded in 2017 Session Review performance audit outcomes <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary Recommendations Legislation (if any) 	No Action	
Invasive Species Program Evaluation	Member Issue	<p>.2 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B intensified Review of new technologies for prevention and control of invasive species Comparison with other states <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation 	<p>.15 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Deeper analysis of all terrestrial and aquatic invasive species programs at state and county levels Panel discussions on various issues <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation 	<p>.03 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of invasive species programs as implemented and funded by the 2017 Legislature Track performance of AIS inspection stations Track federal funding for AIS in MT <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary Recommendations Legislation (if any) 	No Action	
Study financial aid programs within DNRC Conservation and Resource Development Division and Commerce	Member Issue	<p>.2 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B intensified Multiple staff reports, site visits Field trip Additional research Possible work group or subcommittee <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation (if any) 	<p>.1 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Research history, laws, and rules Timely program issues summary Multiple Agency & Regulated Community panels Summaries of audits, fiscal analysis Possible legal review Possible field trip <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation (if any) 	<p>.04 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize programs Program interviews Agency & regulated community panel <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff summary Recommendations Legislation (if any) 	No Action	

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Study Wildlife Corridors	Member Issue	<p>.2 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B intensified Montana case study At least one field trip <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation (if any) 	<p>.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Examine Montana projects, programs, funding Panel discussions <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation (if any) 	<p>.025 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General overview of issues and policies Panel discussion <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff summary Recommendations Legislation (if any) 	No Action	
Study effects of wolf harvest near Yellowstone National Park	Member issue		<p>.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Research on policies in other states, economic research Panel discussions Hearing in area <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation (if any) 	<p>.025 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile relevant scientific and policy research and summarize for EQC Presentations from state, federal officials, landowners, stakeholders, others <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff summary Recommendations Legislation (if any) 	No Action	
Study volunteers on public land	Member Issue	<p>.2 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B intensified Survey of public land agencies on multiple issues <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation (if any) 	<p>.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C More research on specific issues and options Limited survey Panel discussions <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation (if any) 	<p>.025 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General overview of issues and policies Panel discussion <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff summary Recommendations Legislation (if any) 	No Action	
Update on Black Butte copper mine	Member Issue	<p>.1 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B intensified Research on specific permit issues Mitigation options <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim report Legislation (if any) 	<p>.05 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Overview of permit application Panel discussions Field trip <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White paper Legislation (if any) 	<p>.025 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General overview of issues and policies Panel discussion <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff summary Recommendations Legislation (if any) 	No Action	

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Study fire-related topics * Initial attack * Suppression fees * Good Neighbor Policy * Firefighter recruit/retain * Prescribed burn policy	Member & legislative issues	.25 FTE • Option B intensified Deliverables: • Interim report • Legislation (if any)	.05 FTE • Option C • More research on specific issues and options • Multiple panel discussions at several meetings Deliverables: • White paper • Legislation (if any)	.025 FTE • Background information • Panel discussions on specific issues Deliverables: • Staff summary • Recommendations • Legislation (if any)	No Action	
Options to control brucellosis	Member issue	.1 FTE • Option B intensified • Public hearings in affected area Deliverables: • Interim report • Legislation (if any)	.05 FTE • Option C • Science and policy research • Brief legal analysis • Multiple panel discussions at several meetings Deliverables: • White paper • Legislation (if any)	.025 FTE • Background information • Audit update • Panel discussion Deliverables: • Staff summary • Recommendations • Legislation (if any)	No Action	
Study Natural Heritage Program	Member issue	.1 FTE • Option B intensified • Analyze options for future management of program Deliverables: • Interim report • Legislation (if any)	.05 FTE • Option C • More information on use of program • More background on similar programs • Possible funding options • Panel discussions Deliverables: • White paper • Legislation (if any)	.025 FTE • Background information • Panel discussion on specific issues Deliverables: • Staff summary • Recommendations • Legislation (if any)	No Action	
Study the creation of a report on the status of Montana's Natural Resources	Member Issue	.75 FTE • Option B intensified • Possible work group or subcommittee Deliverables: • Report • Legislation (if any)	.3 FTE • Option C • More research by staff • More coordination with work group or writing of report • More panels Deliverables: • Report • Legislation (if any)	.1 FTE • Compile existing reports, and summarize for EQC • Coordinate with research group or groups • Presentations from research group, state and federal officials, stakeholders, others Deliverables: • Report • Recommendations • Legislation (if any)	No Action	

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EQC Statutory Duties	Statute	<p>.5 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfill all statutory requirements • Establish MEPA training and training schedule for state employees and others • Review and comment on certain agency MEPA documents for compliance and consistency • Review and comment as a Council on environmental reviews for selected projects • Collect environmental trend information. Create online repository • Participate in all mandatory meetings and other environmental policy meetings (e.g. Board of Environmental Review, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, etc.) • Notify/solicit permit applicants to present MEPA concerns to EQC 	<p>.2 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfill selected statutory requirements in greater detail • Accept reports and select some for EQC review, analysis, and comment • Select specific topics for further analysis or presentation • Collect environmental trend information. Create online repository • Provide MEPA training to state agencies on as requested basis. Conduct needs assessment and develop periodic training schedule accordingly • Review selected controversial MEPA documents/projects 	<p>.07 FTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfill statutory requirements at minimal level of effort • Accept reports • Participate in meetings as necessary • Identify and describe trends in EQC interim study work • Request trend information for each topic reviewed by EQC • Collect environmental trend information. Create online repository • Provide requested MEPA training to state agencies as time allows • Track MEPA litigation during interim 		

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Agency Oversight	Statute	.1 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B intensified Committee of the whole involved Consistent EQC involvement encompassing a broad range of oversight issues Report, recommendation or legislation for changes in implementation of state policy 	.07 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C More intensive review of administrative rules. Attorney provides synopses of significant and controversial proposed rules Active EQC review of rules and legislation 	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize oversight issues before the EQC as requested Review advisory councils & reports Council members receive copies of rule notices of proposed adoption of rules Review draft agency legislation Receive and comment on the compliance and enforcement report required pursuant to 75-1-314, MCA Oversight on an as needed basis Legislation (if any) 		
Agency Oversight (Program Review) <i>See Attached Documents</i>	Statute	Using the attached flow chart, spreadsheet, and program review time estimates, the EQC may choose any combinations of programs to review at a designated level. The portion of FTE allocated to this topic would be the sum of those choices.			No Action	
EQC Publications	Statute and Historic Precedence	.1 - .3FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option B Identify publications for rewrite, redesign 	.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option C Rewrite and edit for clarity Identify topic for info pamphlet, if necessary 	.02 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update publications to reflect statutory changes EQC review 		
Total Available Staff Resources 1 FTE						Total FTE allocated

Interim FTE Equivalents

- .05 FTE = 144 hrs = 18 days
- .10 FTE = 288 hrs = 36 days
- .25 FTE = 720 hrs = 90 days
- .50 FTE = 1440 hrs = 180 days
- .75 FTE = 2160 hrs = 270 days
- 1 FTE = 2880 hrs = 360 days