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as of Sept. 12, 2012

**Tally Sheet for HB 142 Reviews of Statutory Advisory Councils and Statutory Reports  
and HB 525 Reviews of Licensing Boards**

The Economic Affairs Interim Committee has monitoring responsibility over the following state agencies: the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Labor and Industry, and Livestock. The EAIC also monitors the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the State Auditor's Office, and Montana State Fund.

The EAIC heard directly from the statutory advisory councils that are attached to these agencies and reviewed reports from most of the attached entities. Some reports were not yet published. At the EAIC's Sept. 11, 2012, meeting members said the reports were informative and helpful to legislators. There was a blanket recommendation to retain all the reports.

The only advisory council that raised an issue for the EAIC was one that had not yet met but also has not been created because its creation is contingent on lack of a competitive market for medical malpractice insurance. After requesting that a bill draft be made available for review, the committee took public comment and decided not to introduce any change to the statute requiring an advisory council.

**HB 142 Reviews**

<b>Statutory Advisory Councils</b>	<b>Review Date</b>	<b>Decision</b>
• Advisory Council on Continuing Education for Insurance Licensees, created under 33-17-1204, MCA	April 20, 2012	continue as is
• Advisory Council on Risk Management Activities, created under 33-22-520, MCA	April 20, 2012	Requested bill draft to remove requirement. But draft not approved after public comment.
• Economic Development Advisory Council, created under 2-15-1820, MCA	Oct. 6, 2011	continue as is but review
• Montana Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage Advisory Council, created under 80-7-804, MCA	Jan. 20, 2012	continue as is
• Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council, created under 80-7-805, MCA	Jan. 20, 2012	continue as is
• Organic Commodity Advisory Council, created under 80-11-601, MCA	Jan. 20, 2012	continue as is
• Tourism Advisory Council, created under 2-15-1816, MCA	Oct. 5, 2011	continue as is
• Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Cmsn.	Sept. 11, 2012	continue as is

<b>Statutorily Required Reports</b> (some required to the EAIC and some to the legislature)		
• Apprenticeship and Training Program Biennial Report, required under 39-6-101 in conjunction with 5-11-210, MCA	Oct. 5, 2011 Sept. 11, 2012	no vote in October. September vote to continue as is
• State Agency-County Weed District Biennial Noxious Weed Report, required under 7-22-2151, to be posted.	Sept. 11, 2012	continue as is
• Board of Investments Report (must be made to the legislature as provided in 17-6-230 pursuant to 5-11-210)	Oct. 5, 2011	continue as is
• Board of Housing Veterans' Home Loan Mortgage Program report to the legislature, provided for in 90-6-604, MCA	Sept. 11, 2012	continue as is
• Livestock Loss Reduction Report, required to Legislature and Board of Livestock under 2-15-3113, MCA	Sept. 11, 2012	continue as is
• Dept. of Commerce report on federal land management reviews for local governments required by 90-1-182, MCA. Oral and written update provided.	Sept. 11, 2012	continue as is
• Distressed Wood Industry Report, required under 90-1-503 to EAIC in conjunction with 5-11-210, MCA	Sept. 11, 2012	continue as is
• Quality Schools Facility Grant Program Report, required under 90-6-810, MCA, as a report "to the legislature"	Sept. 11, 2012	continue as is
• Montana State Fund budget report (must be given to Legislative Finance Committee as provided in 39-71-2363)	Sept. 11, 2012	not part of committee's responsibilities per se
• Unemployment benefits for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. 39-51-2111 requires report, as provided in 5-11-210, regarding benefits. Paper report.	Sept. 11, 2012	continue as is
• Report required under HB 533 by Dept. of Labor and Industry on number of jobs created by state board of land commissioners through coal leasing. Report for EQC and governor's office but also provided to EAIC.	Sept. 11, 2012	not part of committee's responsibilities per se
• Montana Prescription Drug Registry, to report under 37-7-1514, to the appropriate interim committee. The Dept. of Labor and Industry notified the committee of availability of report by Dec. 31, 2012.	Sept. 11, 2012, notice of pending availability	continue as is
• Licensing board biennial report, required under 37-1-106, MCA, to be submitted to the Office of Budget and Program Planning.	Sept. 11, 2012, notice of pending availability	not required to report to committee, but under committee's responsibilities
• State Tribal Economic Development Commission biennium report, administratively attached to the Dept. of Commerce, to provide a biennial report to the governor and Legislative Council under 90-1-131, MCA.	Sept. 11, 2012, written report	continue as is

• Board of Research and Commercialization Technology, attached to the Dept. of Commerce. Under 90-3-1006, the executive director is responsible for reporting to the legislature on investments, research, and activities.	Sept. 11, 2012, draft report made available	continue as is
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### HB 525 Reviews of Licensing Boards Scheduled for Review 2011-2012

Licensing Board	Review Date	Decision
Chiropractors	Aug. 24, 2011	continue as is
Dentistry	Aug. 23, 2011 Jan. 20, 2012	review again in January 2012 with proposal to split boards January vote: continue as is, endorse committees of denturists/dental hygienists; try to resolve problems among practitioners
Electrical	April 20, 2012	continue as is
Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors	April 20, 2012	continue as is
Funeral Service	Oct. 6, 2011 Jan. 20, 2012	decision postponed to January 2012 January vote: continue as is
Hearing Aid Dispensers	Oct. 5, 2011	decision postponed to April 2012 April vote: continue as is
Medical Examiners	Oct. 6, 2011	continue as is
Nursing	Jan. 20, 2012	continue as is
Nursing Home Administrators	Oct. 6, 2011	continue as is
Optometry	Jan. 20, 2012	continue as is
Outfitters	Jan. 19, 2012	continue as is
Pharmacy	Aug. 23, 2011	continue as is
Plumbers	April 20, 2012	continue as is
Psychologists	June 12, 2012	continue as is
Public Accountants	Jan. 19, 2012	continue as is
Veterinary Medicine	Aug. 24, 2011	continue as is

### HB 525 Reviews of Licensing Boards Scheduled for Review 2013-2014

Alternative Health Care, Architects and Landscape Architects, Athletic Trainers, Barbers and Cosmetologists, Clinical Laboratory Science Practitioners, Occupational Therapy Practice, Physical Therapy Examiners, Private Alternative Adolescent Residential or Outdoor Programs, Private Security, Radiologic Technologists, Real Estate Appraisers, Realty Regulation, Respiratory Care Practitioners, Sanitarians, Social Workers/Professional Counselors, Massage Therapists, and Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists.