

CLIENT REPORT

Legislative Council Committee Decisions on Interim Committee Bills

October 25, 2024

PARTICIPANTS

- Chair - Speaker McCluskie
- Co-chair - President Fenberg
- [See here for full list of committee members](#)

MEETING MATERIALS

- [Agenda](#)

OVERVIEW

The Legislative Council meets each year to take action on proposals made by interim committees. Proposals advanced by interim committees and approved by the Council will not count against the sponsors five bill limit. One bill was defeated by the Council and six did not advance because the Council took no action.

Note that most committees had additional bills drafted but did not forward them to Council because of limits on the numbers of bills individual committees can propose. See individual committee sites linked below for more information

For comparison, 51 bills proposed by a dozen committees were approved in 2023 by the Legislative Council. As you may recall, 705 bills were introduced during the 2024 regular session.

A quick review of bills indicates that they are mostly technical or routine, but some are certainly more weighty.

[American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee](#)

- [Bill A](#) - American Indian Affairs Interim Committee
 - Extends the interim committee to 5 years
 - Must prepare a final report after the final year
 - **Passed 14-4**
- [Bill B](#) - Tribal Court Orders
 - Enforcement of tribal law enforcement orders; other state entities must respect and take tribal court orders seriously
 - **Passed 18-0**
- [Bill C](#) - Wild Bison Protection
 - Classify bison as wildlife and big game, which protects the animal
 - It makes it illegal for Dept of Wildlife to hunt
 - **Passed 11-7**

[Cell Phone Interim Study Committee](#)

- [Bill A](#) - Single Point of Contact
 - Creates an emergency single point of contact

- **Passed 14-4**
- [Bill B](#) - Wireless Infrastructure Incentives
 - **Passed 14-4**
- [Bill C](#) - Local Government Approval of Permits
 - Requiring approval on a 60-day clock
 - **Passed 12-6**

Youth Advisory Council Review Committee

- [Bill A](#) - Youth Health Literacy
 - Create a panel in CDPHE to identify youth health literacy deficits
 - However, there is a conceptual amendment to simply coordinate with CDE to continue existing efforts rather than create an additional panel
 - **Failed 8-9**
- [Bill B](#) - Food Waste in Schools
 - It aims to reduce food waste by encouraging food waste reduction policies
 - Incentivize public schools to develop share-table programs and compost efforts
 - **Passed 12-5**
- [Bill C](#) - Youth in Environmental Justice
 - Changing the EJ board within CDPHE
 - Develop best practices by CO Energy Office
 - A couple of conceptual amendments around the timeline and integration
 - **Passed 11-7**

Legislative Oversight Committee on Tax Policy

- [Bill A](#) - Statutory Changes Based on Tax Expenditures
 - Modify some definitions
 - Add some statutory purpose statements for certain tax expenditures
 - **Passed 18-0**
- [Bill B](#) - Continue Senior Income Tax Credit
 - Financial support for seniors who cannot take advantage of the homestead exemption in the constitution
 - **Passed 14-4**
- [Bill C](#) - Increase Benefit of Long-Term Care Insurance
 - Relative to the cost of this insurance, the benefit is too small
 - **Passed 18-0**
- [Bill D](#) - Tax Policy to Support Military members
 - Sunset on income tax reduction
 - **Passed 18-0**
- [Bill E](#) - Create a Database of Tax Expenditures
 - Make it more publicly available so citizens know their options
 - **Passed 18-0**

Pension Review Commission

- [Bill A](#) - Income Tax Credit for PERA Retirees
 - **Passed 13-5**
- [Bill B](#) - PERA Risk Reduction Measures
 - **Passed 18-0**

Sales & Use Task Simplification Task Force

- [Bill #2](#) - Confidentiality Standards for 3rd-Party Auditors
 - **Passed 18-0**
- [Bill #4](#) - DOR Updates to Search Options
 - **Passed 18-0**

Transportation Legislation Review Committee

- [Bill A](#) - Increase Transportation Mode Time to Reduce Emissions
 - **Passed 11-7**
- [Bill B](#) - Motor Vehicle Registration
 - **Passed 14-4**
- [Bill C](#) - Vulnerable Road Users Funding
 - **Passed 12-6**
- [Bill D](#) - Railroad Investigative Report Confidentiality
 - **Passed 11-7**
- [Bill E](#) - Paratransit Bill
 - **Passed 11-7**

Treatment of Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal & Juvenile Justice System

- [Bill A](#) - Deflection Supports for Justice-Involved Youth
 - **Passed 12-6**
- [Bill B](#) - Behavioral Health Response Recommendation
 - Trying to help those likely to end up in the Justice System
 - Codified some JBC work - HCPF provision for hospital reimbursement
 - **Passed 15-3**
- [Bill C](#) - Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity
 - Cleanup bill; archaic language
 - **Passed 15-3**
- [Bill D](#) - Reimbursement for Jails providing complementary behavioral health services
 - Fiscal note no longer included; jails can apply for grants
 - **Passed 15-3**
- [Bill E](#) - Competency in the Justice System
 - Allows defendants to continue to receive services & allow courts to determine bail
 - **Passed 12-6**

Water Resources & Agriculture

- [Bill A](#) - Updates Title 35 with Gender-Based Language
- [Bill B](#) - Protect Personal Information for Damages Caused by Wildlife
- [Bill C](#) - Mining Reclamation
 - Water quality issue
 - Different Permitting Process to allow different entities to address waste piles
- [Bill D](#) - Updating Agricultural Building
 - Exempt from energy use requirement
- [Bill E](#) - Ranch Property Tax Definition
 - Updates Ranch definition - can be used for raising & grazing
- [Bill F](#) - Plumbing Sunset Review - Backflow Prevention
 - Water quality issue
- [Bill G](#) - Study to look at the future of severance taxes & water funding

- [Bill H](#) - Wildlife Habitat Stamp Program
 - **Motion to pass bills A, B, C, D, E, F, G & H - Passed 17-1**

Wildfire Matters Review Committee

- [Bill A](#) - AI to fight Wildfires
 - **Passed 10-8**
- [Bill B](#) - Immunity for Civil Damages in Wildfire Emergencies
 - **Passed 18-0**
- [Bill C](#) - Authorizes expansion of wildfire workforce programs
 - **Passed 11-7**
- [Bill D](#) - Wildfire Information & Resource Center Website
 - **Passed 17-1**
- [Bill E](#) - Prescribed Burn Claims Cash Fund
 - **Passed 17-1**

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