



(2) assess methods to facilitate and manage public and constituent messages on legislation and to legislators, including but not limited to:

(a) a review of best practices implemented by other legislative bodies to facilitate and track public comments;

(b) a review of how legislators used the public comment feature on the legislator portal; and

(c) an analysis of rates of duplicate public comments received through the legislator portal;

(3) identify improvements or additions that could increase public access to, involvement in, and comprehension of the legislative process, including but not limited to:

(a) a review of variations in public testimony procedures between committees; and

(b) identifying discrepancies between bill explorer, committee explorer, bill tracker, reports, and other scheduling tools; and

(4) evaluate how to mitigate participation barriers for Montanans with disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee solicit feedback widely, including through surveys, if possible, on current processes and ideas for improvements or modifications from stakeholders, including the public, legislators, House and Senate staff, lobbyists, members of the disability rights community, and any other stakeholder the committee finds relevant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions, comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 70TH Legislature.

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