LICENSING REFORM TASK FORCE

Sunset Subcommittee Work Plan

March 20, 2026

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This work plan details the Sunset Subcommittee's (Committee) priorities and topics for review on behalf of the Licensing Reform Task Force. Included in the document are:

- Committee decisions made at the organizational meeting for topics, executive order initiatives, and meeting schedule
- Schedule of planned activities for the committee

Committee Member Topics

At the organizational meeting, the Committee discussed several topics, focusing on:

- Historical review of sunset reviews in Montana, both for licensing boards and other agencies and programs;
- Criteria for a sunset review, including:
  - what body performs the review (the Legislature, Legislative Audit, Executive Branch, independent entity, the board itself);
  - how often does a review occur;
  - does a review occur at the board level, occupation level, license requirement level, or all three;
  - what is reviewed, i.e. what questions are being asked and answered;
  - should it be a true 'sunset' (as in, if it's not renewed, it's gone), or simply a regular review process;
- Are there examples the committee can follow, whether within the state, or other states' practices.

Executive Order Initiatives

At the organizational meeting, the Committee reviewed the specific initiatives in the Executive Order and identified the specific initiatives the Committee will focus on when developing recommendations:

- Whether the unregulated practice of an occupation or profession creates a direct, immediate, or foreseeable hazard to the public, health, safety, or welfare
- If there is a public benefit provided by licensure
- If licensure significantly increases the cost of service to the public
- If the scope of practice for a profession is readily identifiable and distinguishable from the scope of practice of other professions and occupations
- If qualifications for licensure are justified
- If public support exists for continued licensure for each profession
- If the state should implement a sunset review of licensing boards

Schedule of Planned Activities

The following timeline provides an outline of how the Committee will accomplish the items in its work plan. The timeline may be updated or revised to address scheduling, emerging issues, or to reallocate time to other topics.

Date	Activities	Tasks/Committee Decisions
February 20, 2026	Organizational	♦ Review initiatives & priorities worksheet
	Other Issues	♦ Public comment
March 20, 2026	Organizational	♦ Review draft work plan
	Committee Topics	**History of Sunset Reviews in Montana** ♦ Presentation on historical background of sunset process in Montana ◊ Review data requests ♦ Identify further issues
	Other Issues	♦ Public comment
April 24, 2026	Committee Topics	**Other States' Approaches to Sunset Reviews** ♦ Topic review ♦ Address outstanding issues ♦ Identify further issues
	Other Issues	♦ Public comment
May 22, 2026	Committee Topics	**Discuss Boards & Programs** ♦ Criteria for sunset reviews ◊ Review vs. termination ◊ Who reviews ◊ How often ◊ What is reviewed ◊ Reporting structure ◊ Other criteria ♦ Identify further issues
	Other Issues	♦ Public Comment
June 19, 2026	Committee Topics	**Options & Recommendations** ♦ Address outstanding issues ♦ Review options ♦ Develop recommendations
	Other Issues	♦ Public Comment
July 31, 2026	Committee Topics	♦ Review draft recommendations ◊ Revisions as necessary ♦ Finalize recommendations for full task force meeting
	Other Issues	♦ Public comment