

MEMO

To: Federation Task Force Members

From: Tracy Cook, Lead Consulting & Learning Librarian

Subject: Legislative Changes

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Except for changing how detailed expense reports from the libraries must be, our conversations about federations do not appear to require changes to any of the laws within Montana Code Annotated. We may not want to change the annual reporting process due to our desire for accountability. We have not discussed changing the legislative intent of federations.

We are considering recommendations that may require changes to administrative rules of Montana administered by the Montana State Library Commission. We also are recommending changes that may require changes to the bylaws of each federation.

Given the nature of our discussions, I recommend not proposing any legislative changes to the Montana Code Annotated and will be interested in hearing the task force's thoughts on this suggestion.