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Tentative Agenda

December 11, 2009

Room 137, State Capitol, 9:00 a.m.

Please note: All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order, Roll Call** -- Senator Joe Tropila, Presiding Officer
- 9:01 a.m. **Summary of Veterans' Day Roundtables in Great Falls**
→ Brigadier General Bradley A. Livingston, Montana Air National Guard
- 9:20 a.m. **Update on federal legislation affecting veterans:**
→ Family Caregiver Program Act (S.801) and Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act (S.658)
 - Bruce Knutson, State Veterans Liaison, Office of Senator Jon Tester→ Post-Deployment Health Assessment Act (H.R.2058/S.711)
 - Andrew Person, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Max Baucus (*via conference bridge*)
 - Maren Olsen, Field Representative, Office of Congressman Denny Rehberg
- 9:50 a.m. **Agency Oversight: Board of Veterans' Affairs updates**
 - Lt. Col. Joe Foster, Administrator, Board of Veterans' Affairs
- 10:05 a.m. **Public comment on military and veterans' affairs issues**
- 10:15 a.m. **Amend and adopt Principles and Guidelines for Public Employee Retirement Systems**
- 10:30 a.m. **HB659: Review of other public employee retirement systems administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Board**
→ Rachel Weiss, Staff Researcher
→ Time will be provided for questions from the Committee and public comment following a brief summary of each of the following retirement systems:
 - Firefighters' Unified Retirement System (FURS)
 - Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' Retirement System (GWPORS)
 - Highway Patrol Officers' Retirement System (HPORS)
 - Municipal Police Officers' Retirement System (MPORS)

- Sheriffs' Retirement System (SRS)
- Judges' Retirement System (JRS)
- Volunteer Firefighters' Compensation Act (VFCA)

11:30 a.m. **Committee discussion and, if desired, action on other retirement systems administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Board**

Noon **Distribute Draft RFP Language** -- Rachel Weiss
Lunch

1:00 p.m. **Optional Retirement Program (ORP) of the Montana University System**
→ Mick Robinson, Associate Commissioner for Administrative and Fiscal Affairs/Chief of Staff, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

1:30 p.m. **HB659: Update on RFP process and review of suggested RFP language** -- Rachel Weiss
→ Questions from the Committee
→ Committee action

2:15 p.m. **Review of legal issues surrounding a modification of retirement contract provisions for current retirement system members and retirees**
→ David Niss, staff attorney
→ Questions from the Committee
→ Public comment
→ Committee discussion

3:10 p.m. **Possible rule review:** MAR Notice 44-2-151 -- David Niss

3:20 p.m. **Public comment on any subject within SAVA's jurisdiction**

3:30 p.m. **Other business:**
→ Member issues, including any questions on agencies' written updates
→ Invitation to attend Montana Association of School Superintendents' spring conference: March 22-23, 2010
→ January 22, 2010 meeting postponed; next SAVA meeting March 3, 2010

3:40 p.m. **Instructions to staff -- Adjourn**

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