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AGENDA

Education and Local Government Interim Committee September 24-25, 2015 Room 137, State Capitol

Thursday, September 24

- 9:00 **Call to order, roll call** - Rep. Donald Jones, Chair
- 9:05 **Agenda review** - Leanne Kurtz, ELG staff
- 9:10 **SB 128 School Funding Commission report** - Pad McCracken, Commission staff, and Commission members
- 9:45 **Administrative Rule Review** - Laura Sankey, LSD Staff Attorney
- 10:00 **Board of Public Education update** - Pete Donovan, BPE Executive Director
- 10:15 **HJR 26 Youth Concussion Study**
- UM Project and survey update - Valerie Moody, University of Montana Department of Health and Human Performance (*by phone*)
 - Save the Brain - Paul Coats, Kalispell Regional Medical Center
 - Public comment on HJR 26
 - Committee discussion, next steps
- 11:15 **OPI monitoring** - Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, OPI
- Negotiated Rulemaking Committees
 - Statewide assessments
 - Data Task Force
 - Public comment
- 12:00 **Lunch**

- 1:00 **OPI monitoring continued** (if necessary)
- 1:30 **SJR 10 Data Collection Audit** - Will Soller, Legislative Audit Division
- 2:00 **ESEA reauthorization** - Lee Posey, Federal Affairs Counsel, National Conference of State Legislatures
- 2:30 **MUS Monitoring** - Tyler Trevor, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education
- Research Initiative update and funded projects - project researchers
 - Financial literacy program
 - ACT and Compass testing and course placement protocol
- 4:00 **HJR 26 Youth Concussion Study, continued**
- Sports injury research - Milica McDowell, Co-Founder and CMO, 4C Sports Injury Analytics
- 4:15 **Public Comment on any matter in ELG's subject area jurisdiction**
- 4:30 **Recess**

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Friday, September 25

8:00 **Reconvene, roll call**

8:05 **SB 410 Implementation** - Ken Bailey, OPI, and Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

8:30 **SJR 21 Local Fire and Emergency Services Study**

Local resources and contracted resources

- Study review, ELG's study focus areas, overview of assistance available to local entities - Leanne Kurtz, ELG Staff
- 2015 wildland fire season summary and Northern Rockies Coordinating Group - Ted Mead, Fire and Aviation Bureau Chief, DNRC, and Bruce Suenram, Deputy Chief
 - ▶ NRCG mission, roles, responsibilities
 - ▶ 2015 season statistics
 - ▶ Incident dispatch and mobilization
 - ▶ "Closest available resources" concept
- 2015 wildland fire season review, impact on communities and local resources; structure and role of local agencies - Rich Cowger, Chief, Columbus Fire and Rescue, Montana Fire Chiefs' Association
- Contracted resources: Perspective on 2015 season, services provided - Richard Grady, Grady Bunch, LLC; Tony Kurth, Rocky Mountain Fire Company; Steve Gist, Gist Enterprises
- Public comment on local resources and contracted resources

Workers' compensation for volunteer firefighters

- 2011-2012 Economic Affairs working group efforts, conclusions - Leanne Kurtz
- Review SB 54, 2013 Session - Leanne Kurtz
- MT Fire Alliance report, proposal - Leonard Lundby, Chief, Manchester Volunteer Fire Department and MT Fire Alliance
- Public comment on SJR 21

- 10:30 **SJR 20 County Road ROW study**
- Review legal history (MonTrust, 77-1-130) - Laura Sankey, Staff Attorney
 - Structure of the Common School Trust - Nick Brown, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division
 - County commissioner panel discussion on counties' experiences in securing historic ROW
 - DNRC Trust Land Management report - Shawn Thomas, Administrator, Trust Land Management Division
 - ▶ comment on panel discussion
 - ▶ update on ROW grants
 - ▶ possible solutions
 - Public comment on county road ROW study
 - Committee discussion, next steps
- 12:00 **Public comment on any matter within ELG's subject-area jurisdiction**
- 12:30 **Instructions to staff, December meeting preview**
- 12:40 **Adjourn**