

60th Montana Legislature

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TENTATIVE AGENDA STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE April 28, 2008 Room 102, State Capitol

All times are tentative

Monday, April 28

- 8:30 Call meeting to order; roll call: Rep. Franke Wilmer, Presiding Officer
- 8:31 Approve minutes of February 22, 2008 meeting
- 8:32 Electronic Records and Information Management (ERIM): Secretary of State Brad Johnson and Ms. Patti Borsberry, Deputy SOS for Records Management
- 8:50 Proposals to revise Montana public employee retirement plans. Representatives of the respective stakeholders will individually present their proposals to the Committee. After each stakeholder has presented his or her proposal(s), the Chairman will call for public comment on the proposal(s) presented, followed by questions from Committee members. MEA-MFT: Tom Bilodeau

Competitive Compensation & Adequate Funding of the MUS Optional Retirement

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 Attracting & Retaining a Quality K12 Educational Workforce "Professional
- Attracting & Retaining a Quality K12 Educational Workforce "Professional Retirement Option" (PRO)

Montana State Firemens' Association: Doug H. Neil, Political Director, MSFA

- Allow five members who initially chose not to enroll in GABA a second, one-time option to enroll in GABA.
- Add a Partial Lump Sum Option Payment (PLOP) to FURS.
- Allow for the expansion of employers and firefighters who can join FURS.
- Make all retirement systems equal when defining compensation for purposes of retirement.
- Raise the multiplier for years of service from the current 2.5% to 3%.

Chairwoman Wilmer will call for BREAKS and LUNCH at appropriate times

Association of Montana Retired Public Employees: Leo Berry

• Return the GABA to 3% for new hires.

Association of Montana Troopers: Amy Gromljez

 Allow AMT union dues to be withheld from monthly retirement benefits of MHPORS retirees.

Montana Police Protective Association: Jerry Williams, Executive Director, MPPA

- Change the definition of "compensation" in 19-9-104, MCA, to be the same as in other retirement systems.
- Eliminate the 9% employee contribution to MPORS for retired members participating in the DROP.
- Association of Public-Safety Communication Officials-International: Susan Bomstad, President, Montana Chapter APCO
- Include public safety dispatchers in one of the 20-year retirement systems for public safety employees.

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- 2:00 LC 0090 Exempt military pension income from state income tax. Committee discussion; action.
- 2:15 HJR 46 Study of Election Laws
 - LC 59: Allow an absentee voter to cast a new ballot if a candidate dies, the ballot is changed, and the absentee voter has voted.
 - LC 60: Mail ballot pilot project (Review draft.) Committee may identify which counties to include in the pilot project
- 2:45: HJR 59: Study of State Retirement Systems
 - Money Purchase plans
 <u>NOTE</u>: The Committee members will have received information on this item. Staff will
 present an overview of the information and respond to members' questions.
- 3:00 Public comment on any subject within the Committee's purview
- 3:30 Other Committee business
 - Member issues
 - Instructions to staff
 - Other
- 4:00 Adjourn

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