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Abstracts of Executive Agency and Legislative Interim Committee Reports
2009-2010 Interim

The Montana Legislative Services Division, in accordance with 5-11-210, MCA, serves as a clearinghouse for reports that are required to be made to the Legislature. The following list contains report information that has been submitted to Legislative Services for the 2009-2010 interim.

The reports are listed under the various departments or entities responsible for issuing them. The information for each report includes the title; the specific office, division, etc. that issues or can provide information regarding the report (listed in parentheses); and an abstract.

Many of these reports will be submitted to the appropriate legislative committees during the upcoming session.

Please review the report information, and if there are any reports that you would like to receive a hard copy of, fill out and return the attached order form (pages 9-10). Your request will be submitted to the appropriate agency contact person who will then forward a copy of the report to you. (Please note: some reports may not have been printed yet, in which case the reports will be sent as soon as they are printed.)

If you are interested in a report but do not wish to order your own copy, please visit the Legislative Reference Center (Rm. 10 in the Capitol); copies of reports are kept there. Additionally, many reports are available via the internet for online viewing. You can access the various state agency websites at http://mt.gov/govt/agencylisting.asp to see if reports are available online.

Clark Fork River Basin Task Force

Annual Report

Section 85-2-350, MCA, requires the Clark Fork River Basin Task Force to report annually to the Environmental Quality Council. This report details the Task Force's efforts in fiscal year 2010 to begin revising the *Clark Fork Basin Watershed Management Plan*).

Commissioner of Higher Education

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act, 2006 — Legislative Report — August 31, 2010

This report provides a summary of the Carl D. Perkins legislation reauthorized in 2006 and the steps taken during the years 2008-2010 to advance the vision and goals of the Montana State Plan for Career and Technical Education. The report provides background on Montana's State Plan, changes of direction since the plan was implemented, and a progress report on each of the plan's major goal areas.

Dept. of Administration

2010 Biennial Lease Summary

This report provides data on space leased by state agencies other than the university system. As required by 2-17-101(1), MCA, the Biennial Lease Report includes the following information:

(a) the amount, location, and nature of space used by each agency; and

(b) summary information on average cost per square foot for each municipality.

Actuarial Valuation As of July 1, 2010 (Teachers' Retirement System)

This report contains the findings and recommendations of the annual actuarial valuation of the Teachers' Retirement System.

Actuarial Valuations for Retirement Systems (Public Employees' Retirement Board)
This is a series of actuarial valuations for the fiscal year 2010 as required under 19-2-405, MCA. There are separate valuations for the following systems: Firefighters' Unified Retirement System (FURS); Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' Retirement System (GWPORS); Highway Patrol Officers' Retirement System (HPORS); Judges' Retirement System (JRS); Municipal Police Officers' Retirement System (MPORS); Public Employees Retirement System (PERS); Sheriffs' Retirement System (SRS); Volunteer Firefighters' Compensation Act (VFCA).

Employee Incentive Program Report, FY 2009-2010
The report contains a list of award recipients granted incentive awards by state agencies, the amounts of the awards, and the resulting or projected savings and improvements in the effectiveness of state government. The report also contains award recipients who received the Governor's Efficiency Award for state employees, which is part of the overall Employee Incentive Award Program.

Information on Economic Development Effect (Division of Banking and Financial Institutions)
This report takes the form of a letter submitted to comply with the requirements of 32-11-306, MCA. That section states that the Department of Administration shall annually "publish and provide to the legislature information on the effect of this chapter [Title 32, chapter 11] on promoting economic development in the state".

Major IT Project Summary Report — Fiscal Years 2010-2013
The report will summarize the major information technology (IT) projects over the current biennium (FY2010-11) and those proposed for the next biennium (FY2012-13). The report will contain the agency's name, project name, project description, project purpose, estimated completion date, project budge and status of these major IT projects. The Chief Information Officer will deliver this report to the Legislative Finance Committee at the November 16, 2010, meeting.

Montana Public Employees' Retirement Administration Experience Study Results and Recommendations for the Period Covering July 1, 2003 — June 30, 2009
This study of the eight systems administered by the Montana Public Employees' Retirement Administration examines the systems' experience during the period from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2009. The report presents the results of that study and includes recommendations for changes to actuarial assumptions for future valuations of the systems.

Montana Teachers' Retirement System Experience Study for the Five-Year Period Ending July 1, 2009 (Teachers Retirement System)
This report consists of a study of the economic and demographic experience for the Montana Teachers' Retirement System to assess the reasonability of the actuarial assumptions for the System. The study covers the period from July 1, 2004, to July 1, 2009.

Report by the Director of Department of Administration to the Legislature on Local Government Compliance with Title 17, Chapter 2, Part 3, MCA, "State and Local Charges for Services — Limit on Fund Balance."
The report outlines the statutory responsibility for the Department Director to report to the Legislature. It also documents that the Department monitors compliance by reviewing local government entity audit reports submitted by independent auditors. Those audits are required to include testing of the

requirements of Title 17, Chapter 2, part 3, MCA. The report then documents any findings contained in those local government audit reports. For this reporting period, the Department reported no findings of noncompliance in the audit reports received and reviewed.

Report to the 62nd Montana Legislature from the Capitol Complex Advisory Council

The report contains a brief overview of the purpose of the Capitol Complex Advisory Council, its current membership, and a summary of the council's activities for the past biennium.

State of Montana Biennial Report for Information Technology 2011

The State Biennial Report for Information Technology 2011 is the primary document for evaluating progress toward the objectives articulated in the 2008 State Strategic Plan for Information Technology. As required by 2-17-521(4), MCA, the State Biennial Report includes the following information:

(a) an analysis of the state's information technology infrastructure, including its value, condition, and capacity;

(b) an evaluation of performance relating to information technology;

(c) an assessment of progress made toward implementing the state strategic information technology plan;

(d) an inventory of state information services, equipment, and proprietary software;

(e) agency budget requests for major projects; and

(f) other information as determined by the department or requested by the governor or the legislature.

State of Montana Information Technology Strategic Plan 2010

The State Strategic IT Plan is the primary document for ensuring the development of IT resources in an organized, deliberative, and cost-effective manner. The State IT plan establishes:

(a) statewide mission, goals, and objectives for the use of IT, including goals for electronic access to government records, information, and services; and

(b) strategic direction for how agencies will develop and use IT resources to provide government services.

Status of the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI), Montana Land Information Act (MLIA), and Related Issues

This report gives information about the Montana Land Information Act activities and establishes goals and objectives to meet the Montana Land Information Act. The report further documents the MLIA Council sponsored return on investment study showing that the base map data investment yields a net return of over $9,000,000/year.

Dept. of Agriculture

Report to Environmental Quality Council on Pesticide and Ground Water Enforcement Programs Pursuant to Title 75, Chapter 1, Part 3, Section 314

This report details the compliance and enforcement efforts of the Montana Department of Agriculture related to the Montana Pesticide Act (MPA), Title 80, Chapter 8, Montana Code Annotated (MCA), and portions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

State Agency and County Weed District Biennial Noxious Weed Report: FY-2008 – 2010

The purpose of the report is to summarize weed management information from Biennial Reports received from 56 county weed districts and seven state agencies. Under Section 7-22-2151, MCA, of the County Noxious Weed Control Act, state agencies are required to develop an agreement with county weed boards for weed management on state-owned lands.

The FY-08/09 report forms were mailed to counties and agencies on May 8, 2009. The deadline for returning them was October 1, 2009. The results of the FY08/09 summary indicated that of the 205 county/agency reports, 25 reports were incomplete and 5 reports were not received.

Dept. of Commerce

Montana Board of Investments Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Report

The report, not yet finalized, will contain historical data from 1972 (the first fiscal year the Board managed the unified investment program) through 2010. Statistical data will be provided on the Board's investment activity in 2010 and changes in investments from 2009. Appendix A will include income generated by account and securities portfolios for all accounts managed by the Board. Appendix B will contain the Board's audited financial statements with accompanying portfolios.

Montana Capital Companies Annual Report to the Legislature

This report outlines the background of the Montana Capital Companies Act and states that there have been 13 capital companies active since the inception of the Act. All of those companies have met investment requirements and been decertified.

Dept. of Environmental Quality

Environmental Enforcement and Compliance: FY 2008 – FY 2009

This report, submitted to the Montana Environmental Quality Council pursuant to Section 75-1-314, MCA, is organized by bureau name and the statutes that are administered by each. During this reporting period, the Enforcement Division managed 771 formal enforcement cases. Most of the Dept. of Environmental Quality's enforcement actions include a penalty and more than $2,036,430 was collected in penalties during the reporting period.

Final Report to the Environmental Quality Council on Progress Toward Numeric Nutrient Standards for Montana's Surface Waters

This report details the background and work of the Nutrient Work Group.

Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Future Fisheries

Private Land/Public Wildlife

Upland Game Bird Program

Dept. of Justice

Cigarette Standards

This report, submitted in accordance with 50-65-102, MCA, lists the number of residential fire deaths and amount of property loss in Montana for 2007, 2008, and 2009, and describes the activities of the Fire Prevention and Investigations Section of the Division of Criminal Investigation.

Law Enforcement Efforts in Response to Racial Profiling Legislation

This report, submitted in accordance with 44-2-117, MCA, analyzes the Montana law enforcement community's implementation of and compliance with the provisions of the state law prohibiting racial profiling.

Dept. of Labor and Industry

Apprenticeship and Training Program, Biennial Report for 2009 & 2010 (Apprenticeship & Training Program)

The report contains an introduction describing the program's mission and then is divided into five informational topics. The topics include: history and administration of the program; program activities for the biennium; special projects; and projections, goals, and program statistics. The report is comprehensive concerning the major aspects of the program but is designed for quick reading.

Dept. of Military Affairs

Montana Board of Veterans Affairs Biennial Report (Veterans Affairs Division)

The report provides an overview of the Montana Board of Veterans Affairs' and the Montana Veterans Affairs Division's functions and activities as delineated into the following categories: Montana Board of Veterans Affairs Mission and Composition; Montana Veterans Affairs Division (MVAD) Mission; MVAD FY09/10 Major Program Initiatives; MVAD Organization; MVAD Organizational Chart; MVAD Offices and Cemeteries; MVAD Montana Veterans and Family Members; MVAD Economic Impact of Agency Work Effort; and MVAD State Veterans Cemeteries.

Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation

Compliance and Enforcement Report

This report, submitted to the Montana Environmental Quality Council pursuant to Section 75-1-314, comprises the compliance and enforcement reports of DNRC's Forestry Assistance Program, the Oil and Gas Conservation Division, and the Dam Safety Regulatory Program.

Land Banking Report, July 2010

HB 223, 2003, enacted a Land Banking program whereby the proceeds of trust land sales would be placed in a special land banking account which could only be used to acquire other real property interests (land, easements, or improvements). In 2009 the Legislature passed HB 402, removing the sunset and capping the number of acres that could be sold through Land Banking at 250,000. This report describes the results of the Land Banking program in detail.

Report on Water Storage in Montana (Water Resources Division)

This report prioritizes proposed rehabilitation and construction on water storage projects and summarizes the status of rehabilitation and repair projects occurring during the previous two years.

Dept. of Public Health and Human Services

Children's Mental Health Biennial Report

The children's mental health biennial report is provided with the Department of Public Health and Human Service's Biennial Report in the section covering the Developmental Services Division. The report includes an overview of services, major functions of the Children's Mental Health Bureau, goals and objectives, and highlights of accomplishments.

DPHHS Rates Commission — Report to Legislature

Coming soon

HB 173 Legislative Report — Pilot Project for Implementing National Public Health Standards

This report describes the pilot project that provided local public health agencies with funding and technical assistance to assess their readiness for and prepare for an upcoming national voluntary public health accreditation program. The report contains an executive summary, a description of how the pilot project was implemented, results of the pilot project and recommendations for future activities related to accreditation of local public health agencies.

House Joint Resolution 17 — Utilizing medication aides in long term care Nursing Homes — December 2010

House Joint Resolution 25

House Joint Resolution 25, adopted during the 2009 legislative session, directed the Dept. of Public Health and Human services to "examine the issues related to difficulties being encountered by nursing homes and those seeking medical assistance for a nursing home stay". This white paper examines the results of that study.

Implementation of HB 634

HB 634 provided for the transportation of individuals with a mental illness to the Montana State Hospital for involuntary commitment or treatment. DPHHS issued an RFP for contracted services in December, 2009, and received one proposal. The department continues to negotiate with the proposed contractor to reach an agreement on implementation of contract.

Medical Marijuana Act, Annual Report

The report contains summary information regarding the Medical Marijuana Registry as required in the Medical Marijuana Act. This includes the number of applications for registry identification cards, the number of qualifying patients and caregivers approved, the nature of the debilitating medical conditions of the qualifying patients, the number of registry identification cards revoked, and the number of physicians providing written certification for qualifying patients. DPHHS maintains a website for information regarding the registry at http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/medicalmarijuana/index.shtml.

Montana Strategic Suicide Prevention Plan (2011)

Suicide continues to be a major public health issue in the state. Montana currently has the 2nd highest rate of suicide in the nation, losing an average of 186 people per year.

The Montana Strategic Suicide Prevention Plan (2011) will provide the most up-to-date statistics concerning suicide in the state of Montana along with progress achieved since 2008 and continued barriers.

Montana Trauma System Report — Implementation of 50-6-402 MCA

Injury is the leading cause of death for all Montanans between the ages of 1 and 44. Montana leads the nation with the second highest fatal injury rate which is 40% higher than the national average. Montana's injury death rate accounts for more potential years of life lost than heart disease and cancer combined. Trauma is a disease, not an "accident" implying random events outside our control. As with heart disease and other diseases, trauma has identifiable causes, established methods of treatment and defined methods of prevention.

Montana's Trauma System strategies for injury mitigation and management include:

- Development and implementation of an inclusive, integrated, regional system of trauma care that provides optimal care for the injured.
- Trauma rules have been adopted which authorize designation of trauma centers. Designation of trauma centers provides the method for professional evaluation recognition of standardized facilities components demonstrating integrated trauma programs and involving all phases of patient care.
- Data collection through a statewide trauma registry actively utilized for performance improvement.
- Coordination of injury prevention and control activities.

Older Montanans Trust Fund Report, August 2010

SB 155 established an Older Montanans Trust Fund in July of 2007. This report contains an introduction describing the establishment of the trust fund, requirements for use of the money in the trust fund, and a chart summarizing the growth in the trust fund since the initial deposit of $7,732,166. To date, no funds have been appropriated by the Legislature or expended by the DPHHS from this fund.

Report on Medical Savings Account

The Medical Savings Account, passed by the 2005 Montana Legislature, was designed to assist individuals with a developmental disability for future needs by placing unused money from their cost plan into a savings account. The report describes the bill, the efforts to inform the service participants and families and the results of the project.

Social Security Act Section 1115 Waivers

This one-page memo states that Montana's Section 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver Amendment Extension request was submitted on August 16, 2010 and is pending CMS review. It estimates total state cost as $10,312,035 through January 2014.

System of Care Out-of-State Placement and Monitoring Report

The report contains information on the number of youth served in out-of-state psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF) and therapeutic group homes (TGH) and other out-of-state group care facilities. Report details include: placements of youth by the agency making the placement along with the funding source; Medicaid admissions to out-of-state psychiatric residential treatment facilities and out-of-state therapeutic group homes; reasons given by in-state PRTF's for not admitting Medicaid funded youth who were subsequently admitted to an out-of-state PRTF; costs; and efforts by the Children's Mental Health Bureau to avoid out-of-state placements.

System of Care Report on Progress Toward the Development of a Statewide Children's System Care

This report provides an overall assessment of Montana's System of Care for children's mental health services, including strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations for the future. It includes consideration of whether the model Kids Management Authorities (KMAs) should be continued and if so, in what form. It describes progress towards development of the System of Care (per MCA 52-2-301) to provide

services for high risk youth served by multiple state agencies through multi-agency planning and pooled or braided funding. Suggestions for sustainability of the System of Care are included.

Dept. of Revenue

Biennial Report (for the period of July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2010)

This report provides detailed information on taxes administered by the Department of Revenue and related collections activity for the above specific biennium. The Biennial Report has three primary sections. The first section of the report focuses on an overview of the Department and the makeup of Montana's tax base. The second section focuses on the individual taxes that provide the framework of Montana's tax base. The final section of the report provides estimates of tax expenditures.

Flathead Basin Commission

Biennial Report 2009-2010

The report contains the following: description and mission of the Flathead Basin Commission (FBC), summary of FBC accomplishments, a message from the chair, a message from the executive director, a summary of the Flathead transboundary effort, the State of the Lake report, the FBC in Action section (which describes the key projects and programs that the FBC has worked on over the last two years), a budget summary, and a list of the FBC members.

Judicial Branch

Judicial Branch Information Technology Status Report (Office of Court Administrator)

This report, submitted to the legislative Law and Justice Interim Committee in accordance with 3-1-702, MCA, provides a judicial branch information technology overview and a progress report on recent projects.

Juveniles on Probation in Montana: Assessing Factors Associated with the Use of Therapeutic Treatment Facilities — Fiscal Year 2008 (Office of Court Administrator)

This report was prepared to develop models to determine what factors predict placement of juveniles in residential treatment facilities, a high level of care for offenders with psychological disorders. Researchers employed quantitative evaluation of variables to statistically establish how placements are affected by demographic, diagnostic, service-related, and offense-related factors.

Report on Annual License Tax on Attorneys (Office of Court Administrator)

This report, submitted to the legislative Law and Justice Interim Committee in accordance with 37-61-211, consists of a one-page memo that discusses the amount and disposition of attorney license tax collected for fiscal year 2010.

Legislative Branch

Environmental Quality Council, Legislative Environmental Policy Office

Boiling it Down – A study of water policy in Montana

The Water Policy Interim Committee examined a wide-range of issues from adjudication to water marketing. The report includes findings and recommendations and proposed recommendations.

Montana's Energy Policy Review. Senate Bill No. 290: A Look at Existing Policy (Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee)

This report is a summary of the work of the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC), specific to the ETIC's 2009-2010 energy policy assignment as outlined in Senate Bill No. 290 (Chapter 454, Laws of 2009). This report provides a review of the ETIC's analysis of existing energy policy and discussion of a proposed energy policy for Montana. The ETIC did not reach a consensus on potential energy policy revisions, and members opted not to pursue legislation changing the current energy policy. The committee also did not reach a consensus on findings and recommendations for energy policy change. The ETIC did agree to bring forward legislation that alters the energy policy review process for the future.

Harvesting Energy. An Analysis of Methods for Increasing the Use of Forest and Agricultural Residues for Biomass-Based Energy Generation in Montana (Environmental Quality Council)

This report is a summary of the work of the Environmental Quality Council (EQC), specific to the EQC's 2009-10 biomass study, as outlined in House Joint Resolution No. 1. The EQC identified the expanded use of biomass feedstocks for energy use in Montana as a potentially important policy directive that deserved further evaluation. This report addresses specific issues, including funding alternatives for research and development, use of tax and loan incentives, use of pilot projects, documentation of emission impacts and mitigation, and the availability of forest biomass resources. The EQC's findings and recommendations address the role the state can play in advancing biomass-based energy development in Montana and actions needed to increase the utilization of forest biomass from federal, state, tribal, and private forests.

The Coke Can from Columbus. An Analysis of Methods for Increasing Recycling and Solid Waste Diversion In Montana (Environmental Quality Council)

This report is a summary of the work of the Environmental Quality Council (EQC), specific to the EQC's 2009-10 recycling study, as outlined in Senate Joint Resolution No. 28. It includes the data the EQC gathered about recycling in Montana and the challenges Montana faces, particularly in rural areas. The draft report includes findings made by the EQC that Montana's solid waste reduction targets be updated, that rural communities be encouraged to work together to create increased opportunities and networks for recycling and to investigate a variety of collection methods to promote recycling, and that developing local markets for recycled materials could help overcome a significant barrier to increased recycling – long distances to current markets and the high cost of transportation to get there.

SJR 14: State Laboratories: An Analysis of State Laboratory Facilities Related to Wildlife, Livestock, Agriculture, and Public Health (Economic Affairs Interim Committee)

This report summarizes the work of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee regarding Senate Joint Resolution No. 14, authorizing an interim study of state operated laboratories that provide testing and services related to wildlife, livestock, agriculture, and public health. Due to space and budget constraints faced by some laboratories, SJR 14 directed that existing facilities be reviewed, areas of potential overlap be identified, the possibility of consolidation be explored, and potential arrangements for sharing space be examined. This report includes analysis of the conditions of the Veterinary Diagnostic, Wildlife, Analytical Lab, Public Health, Environmental, State Grain, and Seed Labs.

Monetary Incentives for Tourism and Recreational Access: House Joint Resolution No. 15 Study Summary (Environmental Quality Council)

In 2009, the Legislature requested a study of the feasibility of and possible funding sources for a program that would provide monetary incentives to private landowners who provide public access to their properties for recreational and tourism-related activities. This study summary identifies six potential funding sources and three options for structuring such a program. The summary includes input from members of the Private Land/Public Wildlife Council.

Legislative Services Division

Bonus Pay Policy and Practices in Montana State Government (State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee)

This report examines the issue of "bonus pay" policy and practice within Montana state government. The study was undertaken as a result of a statewide elected official's attempt to award bonuses to his exempt staffers as he was leaving office following his election defeat. The State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee (SAVA) reviewed current Montana law and policy to ensure that such awards are not legal and, in a broader context, how the state's policies and practices that allow bonus pay in certain situations compare to bonus pay "best practices" in the private and public sectors. The SAVA also examined bonus pay as a factor in salary spiking in the context of pension calculations and the implication to the actuarial health of the state's public employee retirement systems. The report includes tables, charts, and three appendices and is thoroughly documented with more than 100 footnotes and sources.

Community Service (Education and Local Government Interim Committee)

The final report of the Education and Local Government Interim Committee will summarize the committee's work and final recommendations on a diverse collection of policy matters, ranging from wildland fire and local land use to education policy planning and accountability measurement to local budget deadlines. In addition to a review of the topics included on ELG's six meeting agendas, portions of the report will be dedicated to the committee's two interim studies that focused on historic preservation and establishment of community college districts. The report's appendix will include committee legislation, Education Shared Policy Goals and Accountability Measures agreements, and relevant letters, memos, and reports.

Examining Health Care: From Congressional Reforms to Cannabis (Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee)

This final report summarizes the activities of the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee during the 2009-2010 interim. It highlights the committee's work on the Senate Joint Resolution 35 study of health care, the House Joint Resolution 39 study of community services for people with developmental disabilities and mental illness, and the emerging issues related to Montana's Medical Marijuana Act.

From Brucellosis & Brand Inspectors to Board Business: A Final Report of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee 2009-2010 Activities

This report reviews the monitoring activities of the Economic Affairs Committee with particular emphasis on the work done on a Department of Livestock program designating a surveillance area for brucellosis in southwestern Montana, activities of brand inspectors, and concerns raised about various licensing boards ranging from licensing changes at the Board of Outfitters to the ways that medical assistance programs operate for various licensees in the medical, dental, nursing, and pharmaceutical professions. The report contains a brief synopsis of the interim committee meetings.

Legislative Branch Computer System Plan (Computer System Planning Council)

The report outlines the Legislative Branch's plan for updating and maintaining the computer environment for the Legislative Branch for the FY 2012-2013 biennium. This plan is required under Title 5, part 4, MCA.

The Million-Dollar Question: Redesigning the State's Public Employee Retirement Systems and Other Interim Activities (State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee)

This report summarizes the work of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee (the SAVA Committee) for the 2009-2010 interim. It includes information relating to the House Bill No. 659 study and redesign of Montana's public employee retirement systems, as well as the HJR 35 study of state employee bonus payments. The report also highlights the activities of the SAVA Committee relating to agency oversight, including the review of proposals to alter the retirement systems, agency rulemaking, and review of agency legislative proposals. The report provides a summary of committee legislation and recommendations. Appendices to the report include the Principles and Guidelines for Public Employee Retirement Systems that the SAVA Committee was required to adopt pursuant to section 5-5-228, MCA.

The Work Comp Two-Step — Parallel Studies of Montana's Workers' Compensation System: A review of the work of the Economic Affairs Committee and Activities of the Labor-Management Advisory Council, 2009-2010

This report centers on the SJR 30 study of workers' compensation and the topics addressed by both the Labor-Management Advisory Council and the Economic Affairs Committee as part of that study. Included are: reviews of data on job safety and accident safety, the duration of workers' compensation claims and the efforts to change approaches to claim closure and medical settlements, and concerns about high medical costs. The report also includes discussions about fraud in workers' compensation, the oversight and monitoring of the Montana State Fund, exemption concerns, and various other issues related to workers' compensation.

Montana Digital Academy

Report to the 62nd Legislature

House Bill 459, passed during the 2009 legislative session, created a virtual academy to, in part, "make distance learning opportunities available to all school-age children through public school districts in the state of Montana". The Montana Digital Academy was established as a result of this bill. This report looks at the implementation, progress, and future direction of the Academy.

Montana Historical Society

Biennial Report to the Governor and the Legislature (Montana Historical Society)

This report, which consists of a letter from Director Richard Sims, lists notable Montana Historical Society transactions, acquisitions, and happenings for the last 3 fiscal years. It references prior annual reports, copies of which can be found online at http://www.mhs.mt.gov/finduse/annualreports.asp.

Office of Public Instruction

At-Risk Students Report, September 2010

The At-Risk Students Report provides information on the change in standardized test scores, graduation rates, and dropout rates of at-risk students from state fiscal years 2006 through 2010. The legislature appropriated $5 million annually to schools for the At-Risk Student payment in FY 2007, FY 2008 and FY 2009. The payment, which is distributed in the same manner as federal Title I monies, was not funded for FY 2010 and FY 2011. Trends show indications of an overall increase in percentages of economically-disadvantaged students scoring at or above Proficient on the state's criterion-referenced tests in reading, math, and science from FY 2006 through FY 2010. The report also shows isolated examples of a narrowing of the educational achievement gap between students in Title I Schools and the All Schools set. Graduation rates and dropout rates have worsened for students in both Title I Schools and All Schools during the reporting period from FY 2006 to FY 2009.

Montana American Indian Student Achievement Data Report, Fall 2010

The Montana American Indian Student Achievement Data Report provides information on the change in standardized test scores, graduation rates, and dropout rates of American Indian students from state fiscal years 2006 through 2010. The report shows improvement in the number of American Indian students scoring at or above Proficient on the state's criterion-referenced tests in reading, math and science from FY 2006 through FY 2010. The report also shows that the educational achievement gap in reading and math that exists between American Indian and White students in Montana has narrowed from FY 2006 to FY 2010. Graduation rates and dropout rates have worsened for American Indian students and White students during the reporting period from FY 2006 to FY 2009.

Office of the Governor

Gender and Racial Balance on Boards, Commissions and Councils

A one-page report noting the gender and racial balance of board, commission, and council appointments made by Governor Brian Schweitzer.

Montana Mental Health Ombudsman Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2010

The report describes the Mental Health Ombudsman's work with constituents, including both statistical and content information, a discussion of trends in community mental health and services in the public sector, and recommendations regarding Montana's mental health system.

State of Montana - Board of Pardons and Parole - Executive Clemency Report

The report summarizes all grants of executive clemency by this and previous governors, dating back to 1975, identifying the type of clemency, the name of the person granted clemency, the crime committed, the reason clemency was granted, and other matters required by statute to be submitted.

Office of the State Public Defender

Montana Public Defender Commission Report to the Governor, Supreme Court and Legislature

This report includes:

1. All policies and procedures in effect for the operation and administration of the statewide public defender system and all standards established or being considered by the commission or the chief public defender.
2. The number of deputy public defenders and the region supervised by each; the number of public defenders employed or contracted within the system, identified by region; and the number of attorney and non attorney staff supervised by each deputy public defender.

3. The number of new cases in which counsel was assigned to represent a party, identified by region, court and case type; and the total number of persons represented by the office, identified by region, court and case type.
4. The annual caseload and workload of each public defender, identified by region, court and case type.
5. The training programs conducted by the office and the number of attorney and non attorney staff who attended each program; and the continuing education courses on criminal defense or criminal procedure attended by each public defender employed or contracted within the system.
6. Detailed expenditure data by court and case type.

Secretary of State

Report to the Governor and Legislature — Senate Bill 367

The 2009 legislature passed Senate Bill 367 with the intent to enhance the voting opportunities for absent military and overseas citizens. This report discusses the background and implementation of that bill and the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act. The report includes recommendations to the 2011 legislature for changes in statute to comply with the MOVE Act.