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AGENDA as of June 7, 2010

Education and Local Government Interim Committee
Thursday, June 10, 2010
Room 137, State Capitol

- 8:00** **Call to order; roll call; approve Dec. and Mar. minutes** - Chair Grinde
- 8:05** **Review agenda** - Leanne Kurtz
- 8:10** **Wildfire-resistant construction techniques rulemaking (Ch. 443, L. 2007; SB 51)**
- ▶ Background - Leanne Kurtz
 - ▶ DLI 5/24 rules hearing - Helen Thigpen
 - ▶ Public comment
- 8:30** **Local government and school district budget timelines bill drafts**
- ▶ Background - Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
 - ▶ DOR perspective, Alan Peura, Deputy Director, DOR
 - ▶ Bill draft review and presentation of policy decisions - Jeremy Gersovitz
 - ▶ Public comment
 - ▶ Committee discussion, directions to staff
- 9:00** **HJR 32 study of historic preservation**
- ▶ Review activity to date - Leanne Kurtz
 - ▶ Heritage Parks - Chas Van Genderen, FWP Parks Division Administrator
 - ▶ Presentation of findings, options, and potential recommendations - Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance; Sen. Hawks and Rep. Ebinger; Leanne Kurtz
 - ▶ Public comment
 - ▶ Committee discussion, directions to staff
- 9:45** **Montana Historical Society**
- ▶ Update on new facility progress, plans, and potential legislative involvement - Richard Sims, MHS Director; Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning; Joe Triem, project architect
 - ▶ Public comment
- 10:45** **ELG review of agency legislation and authorization for drafting**
- ▶ Review of process - Leanne Kurtz
 1. *Agency presentation of proposals*
 2. *Public comment*
 3. *Committee discussion; authorize/decline to authorize drafting*
 - ▶ Agency proposals - agency representatives (Note: some agencies have no proposed legislation, so are not included on this agenda item)

*Office of Public Instruction
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- 11:15** **Montana Association of Counties, Montana League of Cities and Towns preview of legislative initiatives; requests for ELG committee bills (if any)** - Harold Blattie; Alec Hansen
- 11:30** **Lunch**
- 12:15** **Update on HB 645 local government stimulus grants** - Kelly Casillas, Administrator, Community Development Division, Department of Commerce
- 12:30** **Local government/school district response to medical marijuana facilities**
- ▶ Legal options - Helen Thigpen
 - ▶ June 9 CFHHS workgroup discussion - Leanne Kurtz
 - ▶ Public comment limited to local government or school district response**
 - ▶ Committee discussion
- 1:15** **Digital Academy update** - Dr. Bruce Messinger, Chair, Digital Academy Board of Directors
- 1:45** **Shared Policy Goals and Accountability Measures subcommittee**
- ▶ Update and presentation of draft agreements - Rep. Lake; subcommittee participants; and staff
 - ▶ Committee discussion, suggestions for draft agreements
 - ▶ Next steps
- 3:15** **Other K-12 information requested by ELG**
- ▶ NCLB adequate yearly progress - OPI
 - ▶ School district funding; status reports on financial condition of districts; HB 645 grants - Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division; Kelly Casillas, Department of Commerce
- 4:00** **Other Higher Education information requested by ELG**
- ▶ MUS funding issues - Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division
 - ▶ OCHE plans for addressing funding issues - OCHE
- 4:30** **Public comment on any item within ELG's subject matter jurisdiction**
- 5:00** **Directions to staff**
- ▶ Additional bill drafts for review in August; ELG member initiatives (can also be sent to staff for drafting with review in August)
 - ▶ Information requests for August meeting
- 5:30** **Adjourn**

**The Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee is the primary legislative interim committee receiving testimony and considering legislative action on most aspects of medical marijuana. Given its subject matter jurisdiction, ELG is limiting its attention to local government land use/zoning and school district response.