



# State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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## Tentative Agenda April 22-23, 2010 -- Room 137, State Capitol

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010

- 8:00 a.m.      **Call to order; roll call** -- Senator Tropila, Presiding Officer
- 8:01 a.m.      **Overview of meeting agenda** -- Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst
- 8:05 a.m.      **Report:** Panel presentation during School Administrators of Montana conference -- Representative Hendrick
- 8:10 a.m.      **HB659 study/redesign:** Task 2 - Develop, analyze, and recommend potential design alternatives  
→ Dave Slishinsky and Doug Fiddler, Consulting Actuaries, Buck Consultants
- 10:15 a.m.      **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m.      **HB659 study redesign:** Task 2 continued
- 1:00 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 2:00 p.m.      **HB659 study/redesign:** Task 2 continued

### Public comment

**Action Item:** Select 2-3 plan design alternatives for PERS and TRS on which further analysis will be performed by consultant.

- 3:30 p.m.      **Proposals to revise Montana's statewide public employee retirement systems**  
→ Rachel Weiss: background and SAVA responsibilities/decisions  
→ Association of the Public-Safety Communication Officials, International (APCO)  
Susan Bomstad, Montana Chapter President and Kimberly Burdick, National Executive Council Rep  
• Include public safety dispatchers in the Sheriffs' Retirement System (SRS)
- 4:00 p.m.      **Public Comment** on any subject within SAVA's jurisdiction but not on this

**Recess until Friday**

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010**

- 8:00 a.m.      **Reconvene; roll call** -- Senator Tropila
- 8:01 a.m.      **Report:** Ramifications of Citizens United for Montana elections, current statutes, and administrative rules
- Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices
  - Public comment
  - Questions from the Committee
  - Committee action, if any
- 8:30 a.m.      **Proposals to revise Montana's statewide public employee retirement systems (continued from April 22):**  
*Representatives of the stakeholders will make individual presentations of their proposals to the Committee. After each proposal presentation, the Presiding Officer will call for public comment on that proposal, followed by questions from the Committee.*
- Montana Judges Association -- Judge Edward McLean, District Judge-Missoula
    - Increase retirement multiplier for Judges' Retirement System (JRS) from 1.785% to 3 1/3% for years 15 through 30
  - Montana State Firemen's Association -- TBD
    - Make all retirement systems equal when defining compensation for the purposes of retirement
  - MEA-MFT -- Tom Bilodeau, Director of Research and Bargaining
    - Competitive compensation and adequate funding of the Montana University System (MUS) Optional Retirement Program (ORP)
    - Modified professional retirement option (PRO) for TRS
  - Association of Montana Retired Public Employees (AMPRE) -- Russell Wrigg, President
    - Reduce "active employee" members of PERB from 3 to 2; increase "retired public employee" members from 1 to 2
  - TIAA-CREF -- Brian McAndrews, Regional Vice President, Governmental Operations
    - Risk-managed defined contribution plan design
- 10:30 a.m.      BREAK**
- 10:45            **Committee work session**
- Stakeholder retirement proposal decisions
  - Any additional work related to HB659 study, as needed
- 11:30            **Public comment on any subject within SAVA's jurisdiction but not on this agenda**
- 11:45            **Other business**
- Member issues, including any questions on agency written updates
  - Instructions to staff for further research and/or agenda items for next meeting
  - June 24-25, 2010, next SAVA meeting

**Adjournment**

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