



State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

63rd Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

as of 8/9/2013

Meeting #2 - Tuesday, August 20, 2013

Room 137, Capitol Bldg., Helena

Please note: all times are approximate

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- 9:00 a.m. 1. Call to order, **Sen. Dee Brown**, Presiding Officer
Roll call
Approval of minutes log from June 11, 2013, meeting
- 9:15 a.m. 2. **Rule review activity**
- a. Public Employees' Retirement Board rule, MAR Notice No. 2-42-487, RULE I APPLICATION OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS FOR TESTING PURPOSES
(1) PER Board actions - Melanie Symons, MPERA
(2) Committee powers re: emergency rules - Ginger Aldrich, legislative attorney
(3) Public comment on rule issue
(4) Committee questions, discussion, **optional action**
- b. Status of Secretary of State's rule, MAR Notice No. 44-2-181, RULE I BALLOT FORM AND UNIFORMITY
(1) Review -- Ginger Aldrich, legislative attorney
(2) Secretary of State staff available for questions -- Jorge Quintana, attorney
(3) Public comment on rule issue
(4) Committee questions, discussion, **optional action**
- c. Summary of other rule review activity -- Ginger Aldrich
- 9:45 a.m. 3. **SJR 14 - Study of combining primary and school elections**
- a. Staff review - Sheri Scurr, Research Analyst
(1) History of prior bills
(2) Study plan options
- b. Public comment on proposed study plan
- c. **Action Item:** Committee review, modification, adoption of SJR 14 study plan
- 10:45 a.m. BREAK
- 11:00 a.m. 4. **HJR 1 - Study of Office of Political Practices**
- a. Current statutes review of previous research -- Sheri Scurr
b. Legal memorandum on appointment power -- Ginger Aldrich
c. Review of proposed study plan -- Sheri Scurr
d. Public comment on proposed study plan
e. **Action Item:** Committee review, modification, adoption of HJR 1 study plan

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- 12:00 noon LUNCH
5. **Pension plan oversight**
- 1:00 p.m. a. Review of pension principles adopted by TRS Board - David Senn, TRS
- 1:20 p.m. b. Review of pension principles adopted by PER Board - Melanie Symons, MPERA
- 1:40 p.m. c. Pension investment principles - staff review of written material provided by David Ewer, Executive Director of the Board of Investments - Sheri Scurr
- 1:50 p.m. d. Public comment of pension and investment principles
- 2:00 p.m. e. Committee discussion to specify questions for Director Ewer to address at October 24 SAVA meeting
- 2:15 p.m. 6. **Agency oversight - State employee health clinic**
- a. Briefing on operations and costs - Russ Hill, Department of Administration
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion and questions
- 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:15 p.m. 7. **General public comment** on matters under the committee's jurisdiction but not listed elsewhere on this agenda
- 3:30 p.m. 8. **Committee work on pension principles**
- a. Staff review - Sheri Scurr
(1) Principles adopted by 2011-2012 SAVA
(2) Legislator's Guide: 2008
- b. Public comment on legislative pension principles
- c. **Action Item:** Adopt principles of sound fiscal and public policy as guidelines for the legislature's consideration of pension bills (*required by section 5-5-226, MCA*), or request additional information for a subsequent meeting
- 4:15 p.m. Next meeting - October 24
Instructions to staff
Adjournment