



State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee

59th Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

July 24-25, 2006

Room 137, State Capitol

Agenda times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than indicated

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Monday, July 24, 2006

- 9:00 a.m.** **Call to Order** - Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy, Chair
- ▶ Adoption of minutes from May 9-10, 2006
 - ▶ Review of today's agenda
- 9:10 a.m.** **House Bill No. 598 - delaying effective date of law relating to jury selection**
- ▶ Elaine Graveley, Secretary of State, and Greg Noose, Department of Justice
 - ▶ Committee questions and discussion
- 9:45 a.m.** **Montana Indian Business Alliance** - Maria Valandra
Economic Development in Indian Country - Eleanor Yellow Robe, University of Montana
- 11:00 a.m.** **Indian Gaming**
- ▶ Montana Indian Gaming Association - Jami Hamel
 - ▶ Committee questions and discussion
- 12:00 Noon** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:15 p.m.** **Report from GAIN Council**
- ▶ Blackfeet TANF
 - ▶ taxation of tribal fee lands
 - agreement between Blackfeet Tribe and state of Montana
 - Blackfeet request to exempt tribal fee land from property taxation
 - ▶ oil and natural gas production tax on Fort Peck Reservation
 - ▶ Blackfeet request to change name of GAIN Council
 - ▶ requests for legislation

- ▶ Committee questions and discussion

3:15 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m.

House Joint Resolution No. 15 - sentencing equity

- ▶ Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division
- ▶ Committee questions and discussion

4:30 p.m.

Public comment on any issue before the Committee or within the Committee's purview

5:00 p.m.

Recess until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Call to Order - Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy, Chair

- ▶ Review of today's agenda

9:05 a.m.

Discussion of trip to Blackfeet Reservation

- ▶ workers compensation issue
- ▶ request for letter re: St. Mary Diversion Works and Milk River Project

9:30 a.m.

Discussion of trip to Crossroads Correctional Center

10:00 a.m.

Discussion of legislative proposals

- ▶ expansion of Class III gaming on reservations
- ▶ hiring of American Indian spiritual leader for Dept. of Corrections
- ▶ accountability for use of Indian Education for All money
- ▶ sentencing equity study
- ▶ reduction of oil and natural gas production tax
- ▶ property tax exemption for tribal fee land
- ▶ statutorily-created American Indian council in Governor's Office
- ▶ GAIN Council legislative requests

11:30 a.m.

Break

11:45 a.m.

Public comment on any issue before the Committee or within the Committee's purview

12:15 a.m.

Committee action on legislative proposals

ACTION ITEM

12:45 p.m.

Final Report - Connie Erickson

1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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