



Montana Legislative Services Division
Office of Research and Policy Analysis
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TO: Sponsors of 2009 legislation requesting interim legislative study
FROM: Dave Bohyer, Research Director
RE: Invitation to attend Legislative Council meeting on **Wednesday, May 27, 2009**

According to the Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure, the primary sponsor of each resolution that requests an interim study must be invited to appear before the Council to provide information on the need for and the benefits envisioned from the interim study contemplated in the respective resolutions. Because you are one of about 17 primary sponsors of legislation that requests an interim study, please consider this memorandum an invitation to attend the May 27 meeting of the Legislative Council to share your insights with the Council members.

Be advised, however, that due to fiscal limitations and uncertainties, the Legislative Council **will be unable to compensate you** for salary, mileage or the other expense reimbursements typically allowed during interims for meals and lodging.

We anticipate that each sponsor wishing to appear will have approximately 5 - 10 minutes to inform the Council, which briefing may be followed by questions from the Council members. If you plan to attend the May 27 Legislative Council meeting for the purpose of addressing the Council members on the interim study resolution that you sponsored, please contact me by Tuesday, May 26 -- by phone at 444-3064, by e-mail at <dbohyer@mt.gov>, or by U.S. mail at Legislative Services Division, PO BOX 201706, Helena, MT, 59620-1706.

If you are unable to attend the May 27 meeting, you may submit written comments to me. I will copy and distribute the information to the Council members. To accomplish that objective, I will need to receive your testimony before 11 a.m. on May 27 (Our FAX number is 406-444-3036 if you have that option.)

We appreciate your assistance regarding your attendance at the May 27 meeting because your notification will allow the Legislative Council to better construct and manage its agenda.

Finally, for your convenience, I have included a summary of the results of the Interim Study Poll (to rank the interim studies) and the LSD's staff recommendations to the Legislative Council regarding assignment of interim studies. The complete document is also posted on the Legislative Council's web page -- www.leg.mt.gov.

Thank you and don't hesitate to contact me (or Susan Fox) if you have questions.