



Local Trends Breakout Session

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020: 10:15 a.m.-noon
State Capitol, Room 102

TENTATIVE AGENDA

10:00-10:15 – Break

10:15-10:20 -- Welcome

Staff will introduce themselves, special guest presenters, and explain the morning activities.

10:20-10:45 – “Expenditure and Revenue Trends and Impacts to Local Governments” (Legislative Fiscal Staff)

Legislators will receive an overview of research into expenditure and revenue trends in local government finances over the last 20 years. Data visuals will show historic trends, and impacts of policy changes at the local, state, and federal levels.

10:45-11:00 – “History of HB 124 (2001)” (Legislative Research Staff)

Legislators will learn the history of the “Big Bill” and the concept that created a financial partnership between state and local governments known as the entitlement share program. Staff will explain the original intent of the program and include a brief overview of major changes since 2001.

11:00 – 11:15 -- Public Comment, General Questions from Legislators

11:15-11:45 – “K-12 Funding: Revenues and Property Taxes” (Legislative Research Staff)

Legislators will receive an overview of Montana’s K-12 funding formula focusing on where revenues supporting public schools come from and the role local property taxes play. Staff will explain local property tax impacts of recent legislative changes to the formula.

11:45-noon – Public Comment, General Questions from Legislators

Noon – Legislative sack lunch in room 317