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MINUTES LOG

January 13, 2020
Room 102, Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

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ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Sen. Jon Sesso (D)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Susan Fox, Executive Director
Todd Everts, Attorney
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COMMITTEE ACTION

VISITORS LIST (Attachment 1)

AGENDA (Attachment 2)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

10:04:02 Sen. Mark Blasdel called the meeting to order at 10:04. Rep. Casey Schreiner, Rep. Seth Berglee, Sen. Jon Sesso, and Sen. Fred Thomas were excused.

OTHER STUDY UPDATES

SB 310 Steering Committee

10:06:01 Susan Fox, Executive Director discussed the scheduled legislator and public comment regarding Senate Bill 310 Study. (Exhibit 1)

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Welcome Montana Highway Patrol

10:07:34 Steve Baiamonte, General Service Administrator, Department of Administration, discussed the new security contract with the Montana Highway Patrol.

Welcome NCSL

10:08:44 Amber Widgery, Montana State Liaison, National Conference of State Legislatures. (Exhibit 2)

Overview of Legislative Week

10:08:53 Ms. Fox discussed the Legislative Week schedule. (Exhibit 3)

Committee Questions

10:11:17 Rep. Hertz asked about the scheduled time for the SB 310 Legislator and Public Comment.

10:11:21 Ms. Fox said that the updated schedule will have the correct time.

10:11:41 Sen. Blasdel said that he appreciated the work that the staff has done with regard to Legislative Week.

OUTREACH ACCOMPLISHMENTS: LEPO and ORPA

Consider Legislation on Reports to the Legislature

10:14:35 Joe Kolman discussed how a legislator can find the Clearinghouse of Legislative Reports. (Exhibit 4)

Interim Survey Results

10:17:17 Mr. Kolman discussed the results of the Interim Survey. (Exhibit 5)

House Chair Replacement Project

10:26:50 Ms. Fox discussed the deadline for submission of the RFPs for the House Chair Replacement Project.

Public Comment

10:27:53 Sen. Mike Cuff commented on the upcoming PNWER Summit Conference, July 19-23, 2020, in Big Sky, Montana.

Committee Questions

10:29:53 Sen. MacDonald asked about the budget for members of the Senate and the House to attend the Summit Meeting in July.

10:30:12 Ms. Fox referred the committee to the 2021 Biennium Legislator Activities Reports. [\(Exhibit 6\)](#)

10:30:48 Sen. Blasdel discussed the next meeting date of March 22-23, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

10:31:44 Sen. Blasdel adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.