MINUTES LOG
RULES SUBCOMMITTEE
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Room 102
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

STAFF PRESENT:
Todd Everts, Attorney
Susan Fox, Executive Director
Fong Hom, Secretary
AGENDA (Attachment 1)

VISITORS’ LIST (Attachment 2)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
13:01:26 Presiding Officer Casey Knudsen called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. The committee secretary took roll. (Attachment 3)

LEGISLATIVE RULE REVISION PROCESS OVERVIEW
13:02:45 Todd Everts, Chief Legal Counsel, gave an overview of the rules revision process.

POTENTIAL RULE CHANGE TOPICS

Joint Rules
13:07:20 Mr. Everts gave a presentation on the potential rule changes to Joint Rules of the Montana Senate and House of Representatives. (Exhibit 1)

Discussion
Rep. Knudsen commented on the issue of being able to re-prioritize bill drafts.
Sen. Smith commented on placeholder bills.
Sen. Flowers asked how often placeholder bills are used during session. He also discussed Section 1, COVID-19 Response, 1-40, and 1-50.
Sen. Smith commented on the ability for legislators and the public to participate in the session remotely.
Rep. Knudsen discussed posting amendments online for all committees.
Susan Fox asked if the subcommittee wanted to incorporate that after a legislator has approved the amendment, the amendment can be posted online.

Senate Rules
13:51:33 Mr. Everts gave a presentation on the potential rule changes to Senate Rules. (Exhibit 2)

Discussion
13:54:40 Sen. Flowers asked about committee appointments, specifically the process for Committee on Committees.
Sen. Smith asked Sen. Flowers if his concern is that the Committee on Committees should be made up of Democrats and Republicans.
Sen. Flowers said that his suggestion is that the Committee on Committees should reflect the makeup of the body, that if the Senate is evenly divided, then the allocation of the Committee on Committees is evenly divided.
Sen. Smith said that he is opposed to considering any changes to the makeup of the Committee on Committees.
14:06:09 Ms. Fox discussed the Committee of the Whole Amendments rule found on Page 23, and said that this is a rule that the subcommittee might want to
consider whether or not to have the full amendment in the Journal. There are no rules in the Joint Rules or the House Rules that specifically addresses this. Rep. Knudsen suggested that Ms. Miller and Ms. Tschida come up with something for the Journal.
Ms. Fox discussed Joint Rules regarding the Special Select Committee on Judicial Accountability and Transparency and Rule 30-80, appointment of committees other than standing or statutory interim committee, the issue of who can appoint a special or select committee.
Ms. Fox discussed transmittal deadlines.

**House Rules**
14:11:10 Mr. Everts did not have any proposed changes to the House of Representatives Rules. (Exhibit 3)
14:11:30 Carolyn Tschida, House Clerk, discussed H10-120, Legislative aides, and suggested using the term "Legislative Interns" rather than "Legislative Aides". She discussed H40-30, Cosponsors. It is currently under Order of Business No. 11, and should be under Order of Business No. 10.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.

**Next Steps**
14:14:07 Rep. Knudsen suggested that the staff provide more information on what some of the amendment integration in context would look like for recording in the House and Senate Journals.

**ADJOURNMENT**
14:15:11 Rep. Knudsen adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.