



State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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as of 8/14/14

Meeting #8 - Friday, August 15, 2014

Room 137, Capitol Bldg., Helena

Please note: all times are approximate and subject to change

- 8:30 a.m. **1. Call to order and roll call** - Sen. Dee Brown, Presiding Officer
- 8:35 **2. Office of Commissioner of Political Practices**
- a. Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
 - (i) Update on docket - progress on outstanding cases
 - (ii) Agency legislative proposals
 - b. Committee questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
 - Action Item: Does the Committee authorize the COPP proposals for drafting?
- 9:00 **3. Committee bill - LCsa01 - revising selection of Commissioner**
- a. Sen. Jent - bill overview
 - b. Committee questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
 - Action Item: Does the Committee approve LCsa01 as a Committee bill and/or have revisions? Assignment of sponsor.
- 9:15 **4. Committee bill - LC0146 - revising disclosure on election materials**
- a. Ginger Aldrich, staff attorney
 - b. Committee questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
 - Action Item: Does the committee approve LC0146 as a committee bill and/or have revisions? Assignment of sponsor.
- 9:30 **5. Department of Administration - Legislative Proposals**
- a. Sheila Hogan, Director
 - b. Committee questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
 - Action Item: Does the Committee authorize the Department of Administration agency proposals for drafting?

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- 9:50 **6. Department of Administration - Statutorily-required reports**
- a. Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
 - Overview of HB 142 (2011 Session) and SAVA's statutory duties

 - b. Committee Questions (reports provided in writing prior to meeting)
 - (i) Information Technology Report - section 2-17-512(1)(x), MCA
 - (ii) Capitol Complex Advisory Council Report - section 2-17-804(3), MCA
 - (iii) Electronic Government Services Report - section 2-17-1105(2)(f), MCA
 - (iv) Employee Incentive Program Report - section 2-18-1103(3), MCA
- 10:15 BREAK
- 10:30 **7. Veteran's Services**
- a. Casey Barrs, Legislative Research Analyst
 - Overview of HJR 30 (2013 Session) study resolution requesting an inventory of benefits for veterans

 - b. Committee Questions (reports provided in writing prior to the meeting)
 - MVAD's biennial report, Joe Foster, MVAD
 - Legislative Fiscal Division Report, Kris Wilkenson, LFD

 - c. Panel presentations and discussion with committee members:
Statewide outreach - What would be the role and how might we provide for a state veteran outreach coordinator/ombudsman?
 - (i) Joe Walsh, Veteran
 - (ii) Brian Becker, Outreach Coordinator, Missoula Vet Center, VA
 - (iii) Joe Foster, Administrator, Montana Veteran's Affairs Division
 - (iv) Siobhan Gilmartin, Veteran Case Worker, U.S. Sen. Jon Tester's Office
 - (v) Denny Lenoir, Veterans Liaison, U.S. Rep. Steve Daines' Office (*invited*)
 - (vi) Connie LaSalle, Senior and Long Term Care Ombudsman Office
- 12:30 p.m LUNCH - catered sandwich bar
- 1:00 d. Public comment
- 1:15 e. Committee work session
 - Action Item: Would the committee like to move forward, and if so how, on the question of whether to establish a state veteran's advocate position under the Governor's office to help map local, state, and federal services available to veterans and to provide statewide outreach to refer veterans to appropriate services?
- 1:30 **8. Teachers' Retirement System Bill Proposals**
- a. Shawn Graham, Executive Director, TRS
 - b. Committee questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
 - Action Item: Does the Committee authorize the TRS bill proposals for drafting?

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- 1:50 **9. Public Employees' Retirement Board Bill Proposals**
- a. Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, MPERA
 - b. Committee questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
- Action Item: Does the Committee authorize the PER Board bill proposals for drafting?
- 2:25 **10. Rule review on MAR Notice # 2-43-509 by MPERA**
What is a "socially responsible" investment fund?
- a. Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Attorney
 - b. Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, MPERA
 - c. Committee questions
 - d. Public comment
 - e. Committee work session
- Action Item: Does the Committee want to object to the MPERA rule?
- 2:45 BREAK
- 3:00 **11. Committee bill - LC0144 (formerly LCsa03) - revising termination triggers for certain PERS contributions**
- a. Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst - review of LC0144
 - b. Committee questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
- Action Item: Does the committee have changes or want to approve LC0144 as a committee bill? Assignment of sponsor.
- 3:30 **12. Potential committee bill - remedy for election administration irregularities**
- a. Ginger Aldrich, summary of ideas received
 - b. Committee discussion and questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
- Action Item: Does the committee want a committee bill on this and, if so, what should the bill provide for? Assignment of sponsor.
- 3:45 **13. Committee bill - LC0143 (formerly LCsa02) - generally revising election laws**
- a. Sheri Scurr - final review of any changes
 - b. Committee questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
- Action Item: Does the committee agree to final approval of LC0143 as a committee bill? Assignment of sponsor.
- 4:15 **14. Committee bill - LC0145 - clarify authority of SOS to charge certain fees**
- a. Ginger Aldrich - bill review
 - b. Committee questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
- Action Item: Does the committee agree to final approval of LC0145 as a committee bill? Assignment of sponsor.

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- 4:25 **15. Other rule review activity - Ginger Aldrich**
- 4:30 **16. General public comment** - any matter under the Committee's jurisdiction
- 4:45 Wrap up - Instructions to Staff
Next meeting - need to reschedule November 14 meeting
Adjournment

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