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Updated AGENDA (4/29/16) with DATE CHANGE
School Funding Interim Commission
May 3 & 5, 2016
Room 102, State Capitol

Note: Agenda times are approximate. Some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated.

Tuesday, May 3

- 8:30 **Call to order, roll call** - Sen. Facey, Chair
- 8:35 **Administrative matters** - Pad McCracken, Commission Staff
- Budget update and agenda review
- 8:45 **Work Session on District Structure and Equity Issues**
1. Basics of Impact Aid - Pad and Nicole Thuotte, School Finance Specialist, OPI
 2. Explanation and analysis of districts adopting over-max general fund budgets - Rob Miller, LFD, and Janelle Mickelson, School Finance Division Administrator, OPI
 3. BASE mill equalization modeling - Pad and Paul Taylor, School Finance, OPI
 4. Isolated school/district definition - Sen. Hansen and working group members
 5. Impacts of possible tuition law changes - Laura Sankey, Commission Staff Attorney
 6. Public input
 7. Commission discussion
- 12:30 **Lunch**
- 1:30 **Work Session on School Facilities**
1. New facilities grant program concepts and discussion - Pad
 2. Costs, revenue sources, and decision points for fully funding debt service GTB - Rob Miller, LFD, and Janelle Mickelson, School Finance Division Administrator, OPI
 3. Bill draft with INTERCAP tweaks - Pad

4. Options/considerations for district general fund ending fund balance transfers to building reserve fund - Commissioners Rasmussen and Hubbard; Denise Williams, MASBO
5. Public input
6. Commission discussion

5:00 **Instructions to staff; recess until 8:30 AM Thursday May 5 for commissioner work time**

Thursday, May 5

- 8:30 **Work Session on Special Education and Gifted and Talented**
1. Bill draft/fiscal for applying inflationary factor - Pad and Rob
 2. Bill draft/fiscal for applying inflationary factor and \$2 million approp for coop - Pad and Rob
 3. Bill draft/fiscal for allowing ANB funding for 19-21 students with disabilities - Pad and Rob
 4. Gifted and Talented (High Ability/High Potential) funding options, costs, considerations - Pad and Rob
 5. Public input
 6. Commission discussion

- 10:00 **Begin commission discussion of next steps**
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 2. What, if any, draft legislation would the commission like staff to prepare/revise for the final June meeting?
 3. Public comment

12:00 **Lunch**

- 1:00 **Continue commission discussion of next steps**
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4:00/TBD **Adjourn**

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