



Education Interim Committee

65th Montana Legislature

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DRAFT AGENDA

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June 13, 2017
Room 137, State Capitol

"In the heat of the tightly structured, 90-day session, legislators often identify issues they want to study in more depth. The interim offers you a more measured opportunity to research, meet with subject-matter experts, and listen to the public's perspectives on critical and complex issues. It allows you to define problems, explore alternatives, seek solutions, and propose and test ideas."

"Life After Sine Die"

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

Tuesday, June 13

- 9:00 Call to order, roll call – Sen. Facey, senior senator
- 9:05 Introduction of members and staff
- 9:20 Election of committee presiding officers
- 9:30 Committee administration - Pad McCracken, Committee Staff
- Budget overview
 - Compensation and expense reimbursement
 - Operating rules
- 9:45 Committee overview: responsibilities, overview of proposed work plan - Pad and Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney
- Committee background
 - Statutory duties
 - Administrative rule review
 - Study assignment(s)
 - Other topics
- 10:15 Constitutional considerations - the roles of the Legislature, Board of Regents, and Board of Public Education - Laura

- 11:00 Recap of K-12 funding changes; impacts of revenue shortfalls - Pad and Rob Miller, Fiscal Analyst, LFD
- 11:45 Lunch
- 1:00 Office of Public Instruction (OPI) – Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- 2017 Session review
 - OPI update and activities
 - Requests/suggestions for work plan
- 1:30 Board of Public Education (BPE) - Peter Donovan, Executive Director
- Introduction to BPE role and duties
 - Requests/suggestions for work plan
- 1:45 Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) - Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education
- 2017 Session review
 - OCHE/Board of Regents update and activities
 - Requests/suggestions for work plan
- 2:15 Governor's Office update and input– Siri Smillie, Education Policy Advisor
- 2:30 Stakeholder and public comment on work plan, including HJ 1 - a study of funding for educational programs for students with special needs
- 3:15 Work plan discussion
- How does the committee wish to fulfill its statutory duties?
 - How does the committee wish to conduct the HJ 1 study?
 - What other topics does the committee wish to explore and to what degree?
 - Work plan and meeting schedule revision and adoption
- 4:15 Wrap up - next meeting date and agenda items
- 4:30 Adjourn

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