AGENDA
Education Interim Committee
March 22-23, 2018
Room 137, Montana State Capitol

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

Thursday, March 22

9:00    Call to order, roll call – Chair McClafferty

9:05    Review agenda - Pad McCracken, Committee Staff

9:10    Administrative Rule Review - Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney

9:15    Agency monitoring - Montana Arts Council - Tatiana Gant, Executive Director

9:30    Staff updates
  • Policy overview of chronic absenteeism and truancy - Pad
  • School safety memo - Laura

9:45    Agency monitoring - Office of Public Instruction - Superintendent Arntzen
  • School and student safety support for schools - Tracy Moseman, OPI
  • ESSA implementation update - Susie Hedalen, OPI
  • Professional Development and the Teacher Learning Hub - Colet Bartow, OPI
  • Public comment*
  • Committee questions and discussion

10:30   Break
10:45  Preschool  
  - Policy Considerations and State Innovations for State-funded Preschool Programs - Dr. Matt Weyer, Senior Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures  
  - Update on STARS Preschool Grant Pilot Program - Siri Smillie, Education Policy Advisor to Governor Bullock  
  - Public comment*  
  - Committee questions and discussion

12:00  Lunch

1:00  School Funding 101 and 201 Workshop - Pad and Nick VanBrown, LFD

2:00  HJ 1 study - funding for programs serving students with special needs  
  - Review HJ 1 and previous committee work - Pad  
  - Review of Special Education Funding Basics and recap of Special Education Cooperative Funding Task Force (2016) - Frank Podobnik, Special Education Director, OPI  
  - Possible changes to current funding - Pad  
  - Public comment*  
  - Committee questions and discussion

3:00  Break

3:15  Innovations in Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Work-based Learning (WBL) Panel  
  - Intro - Pad  
  - Overview of K-12 CTE programs and funding; K-12/CTE/WBL partnerships with MUS and Department of Labor and Industry - TJ Eyer, OPI; Amy Williams, OCHE; Casey Schreiner, DLI  
  - Helena Public Schools - Greg Upham, Asst. Superintendent  
  - Three Forks Schools - Dr. Robert DoBell, Superintendent  
  - Billings Career Center - Scott Anderson, Principal  
  - Committee questions and discussion  
  - Public comment*

5:00  Public comment* on any matter within the committee's jurisdiction

5:15  Review Friday agenda and related materials; recess for the day
Friday, March 23

8:00 to 9:30 a.m.  Visit to Shodair Hospital

This visit is limited to committee members and confirmed guests -- space is limited. Guests must be confirmed by March 16. If you wish to participate in the visit, please contact Pad McCracken (406-444-3595 or padmccracken@mt.gov).

10:00  Reconvene in Room 137, Montana State Capitol; roll call
10:05  Montana University System and Discussion of State Financial Aid Programs
   •  Commissioner's Updates - Commissioner of Higher Education Clay Christian
   •  Why are we talking about financial aid? - Laura
   •  Financial Aid overview - Deputy Commissioner Tyler Trevor
   •  Review of State Financial Aid programs - Mr. Trevor and Shauna Albrecht, LFD Analyst
   •  Options for changes to state financial aid programs - Laura
   •  Public comment*
   •  Committee questions and discussion

12:00  Public comment* on any matter within the committee's jurisdiction
12:15  Committee lunch and work session for preliminary discussion of any findings and recommendations, committee reports, and bill drafts; review work plan, set next meeting date and agenda, and provide direction to staff
   •  Moving towards wrapping up the interim - Pad and Laura
   •  Public comment*
   •  Committee discussion

2:00  Adjourn

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