



## State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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### 65th Montana Legislature

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### AGENDA

as of 5/14/2018

#### Meeting #5 - Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Room 137, Capitol Bldg., Helena

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- 9:00 a.m.      1. **Sen. Sue Malek, Presiding Officer**
- a. Call to Order, Roll Call
  - b. Welcome and agenda overview
- 9:05            2. **Water/Sewer District Election Laws**
- a. Background briefing on recent statutory changes to voter qualifications for water/sewer district elections and impact on petition requirements to establish a district
    - Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
  - b. Public comment
  - c. Committee discussion and ***potential action*** on whether to consider a committee bill draft on this topic
- 9:30            3. **State Employee Broadband Pay Plan**
- a. Background briefing on previous studies and pay plan bills
    - Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
  - b. Current status of implementing recent changes
    - Anjenette Schafer, Administrator, Human Resources Division, Dept. of Administration
    - Bonnie Shoemaker, Compensation and Classification Specialist
  - c. Committee discussion and ***potential action*** on whether to consider a committee bill draft on this topic
- 10:00           4. **Education for Military Children**
- a. Informational briefing
    - Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen
  - b. Committee questions
- 10:30           BREAK

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### 5. Elections

- a. NCSL Election Security Conference in WY, April 26-27  
Informational briefing
  - ▶ Sen. Malek and other attendees
  - ▶ Dana Corson, Election Director, Secretary of State's Office, voter information files and what is public information
- b. Common Access Cards - Military Identification and Voting
  - (i) Overview of Council of State Governments recommendations and Montana's relevant statutes
    - ▶ Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Staff Attorney
  - (ii) Current practices regarding voter identification for absentee uniformed and overseas electors
    - ▶ Dana Corson, Election Director, Secretary of State's Office
    - ▶ Regina Plettenburg, County Election Administrators (by phone)
- c. Voting Systems and Disabled Electors - Statutory Review
  - ▶ Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
- d. Informational briefing on *Larson v. State* lawsuit to block Green Party from appearing on ballot
  - ▶ Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Staff Attorney
- e. Public comment
- f. Committee discussion and ***potential action*** on whether to consider a committee bill draft on election procedures and systems

12:00 noon

LUNCH

1:00

### 6. Disaster and Emergency Services - HAZMAT Response Capabilities

- a. Background overview of disaster and emergency services, state and local organization and operations, and HAZMAT capabilities
  - ▶ Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
- b. Recent HAZMAT response exercises, Department of Military Affairs
  - ▶ Lieutenant Colonel Todd Verrill, Commander, Civil Support Team, Montana National Guard
- c. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and regional HAZMAT teams
  - ▶ Delila Bruno, SERC co-chair
  - ▶ Jason Lyon, Battalion Chief, HAZMAT Coordinator/ Billings Fire Department's Regional HAZMAT Team
  - ▶ Gordy Hughes, Assistant Fire Chief, Missoula City Fire
  - ▶ Jason Diehl, Fire Chief, Missoula City Fire
- d. Public comment
- e. Committee discussion and ***potential action*** on whether to consider a committee bill draft requesting an interim study on disaster and emergency services

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- 2:15            7. **Miscellaneous Statutory Cleanup Matters**
- a. Staff briefing on statutes that contain conflicts or irregularities that could require legislative cleanup on topics under SAVA's jurisdiction
    - Sheri Scurr and Ginger Aldrich
  - b. Public comment
  - c. Committee discussion and ***potential action*** on whether to consider committee bill drafts to clean up the identified statutes
- 2:30            8. **Public comment** on any topic under the committee's jurisdiction
- 2:45            9. **Rule Review**
- Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Staff Attorney
- 2:45            10. **Next meeting agenda - July 19**
- a. Initial review of any potential committee bills requested to date
  - b. Agency legislative concepts - committee authorization for drafting
    - Secretary of State's Office
    - Department of Military Affairs
    - Board of Veterans' Affairs
    - Department of Administration
  - c. TRS Experience Study presentation
  - d. Misc. statutorily-required reports to SAVA by state entities - reports will provided in writing and will not be briefed at the meeting except by special request
  - e. Informational briefing on Vet Choice II and comments by Montana Medical Association (health care for veterans)
  - f. Other followup
- 3:00            ADJOURNMENT

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