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AGENDA

September 14, 2020 -- 8:00 a.m.
Room 152 at the State Capitol and Zoom

(All times on the agenda are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.)

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- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order -- Roll Call** -- Rep. Barry Usher, Presiding Officer
- 8:05 a.m. **Research Division Update:** 2021 session planning, bill histories, reports to the Legislature
→ Sonja Nowakowski, Research Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
→ Questions from the committee
- 8:30 a.m. **Agency Oversight:** Update from the Department of Corrections (DOC)
→ DOC staff
→ Public comment*
→ Questions from the committee
- 9:30 a.m. **Agency Oversight:** Authorize drafting of agency and Judicial Branch bills
→ Order: Agency presentation, public comment*, questions from the committee
→ Judicial Branch -- Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator
→ Department of Justice
→ *Action item:* Authorize drafting of agency bills
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. **Committee Issue: Criminal Justice Oversight Council (CJOC) and Justice Reinvestment Update**
→ Beth McLaughlin, PSA update
→ Rep. Ryan Lynch, CJOC update
→ Public comment*
→ Questions from the committee
→ *Action Item:* Discussion/decision on CJOC bill draft requests, if any

- 10:45 a.m. **Agency Oversight: [HB 640 \(2019\)](#) Update**
 → Ole Olson, Assistant Attorney General, Montana Department of Justice
 → Dana Toole, Special Services Bureau Chief, DOJ
 → Catherine Scott, Investigator, Division of Criminal Investigation, DOJ
 → Scott Twito, Yellowstone County Attorney
 → Public comment*
 → Questions from the committee
- 11:30 a.m. **Agency Oversight: Administrative Rule Review**
 → Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney, LSD
 → Public comment*
 → Questions from the committee
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. **Committee Issue: Panel on probation and parole supervision in Montana**
 → SK Rossi, ACLU of Montana
 → Kim Lahiff, Missoula Probation and Parole, DOC
 → Ben Boyce
 → Other speakers TBD
 → Public comment*
 → Questions from the committee
- 2:00 p.m. **HJ 31 Study of the Montana Board of Crime Control**
 → Review of preliminary bill drafts and questions from the committee
 → Public comment* on the HJ 31 study and preliminary drafts
 → *Action Item*: Discussion/decision on committee bills, sponsors
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. **HJ 36 Study of Compensation for Wrongfully Convicted Individuals**
 → Review of preliminary bill draft and questions from the committee
 → Public comment* on the HJ 36 study and preliminary draft
 → *Action Item*: Discussion/decision on committee bills, sponsors
- 3:45 p.m. **SJ 19 Study of Sexual and Violent Offender Registries**
 → Review of preliminary bill drafts and questions from the committee
 → Public comment* on the SJ 19 study and preliminary bills drafts
 → *Action Item*: Discussion/decisions on committee bills, sponsors
- 5:00 p.m. **Public comment*** on any item in the LJIC's jurisdiction but not on the agenda
- 5:30 p.m. **Committee Work Session**
 → Other directions to staff or committee decisions
 → Final comments from committee members
- 5:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

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