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FINAL AGENDA
STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Capitol Building, Helena, Room 137
March 5-6, 2020

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Thursday, March 5, 2020

- 1:00 p.m. **STRC Call to Order - Roll Call - Chair Small**
Opening Prayer and Welcome
Moment of silence for Rep. Dale Mortensen
- Administrative Matters - Ms. Stockwell
- 1:05 p.m. **HJ 10 Study of barriers to American Indian voting in Montana (Tab1)**
I) Using plus codes to denote location of residence
- Navajo Nation Division of Community Development -
 - MC Baldwin, GIS/Rural Addressing Coordinator
 - Norbert Nez, IT Manager (by phone)
 - Rural Utah Project - Drew Cooper, Deputy Director
 - Questions - STRC
- II) Montana IDs and physical address requirements - Michele Snowberger, general counsel, Montana Motor Vehicle Division
- III) Adding tribal identification to list of acceptable IDs on sample voter registration form - Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office
- Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:05 p.m. Break
- 3:20 p.m. **SB 40 implementation update (student photo repository) (Tab 2)**
- Michael Sweeney, Chief Data Officer, Office of Public Instruction
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any

- 3:45 p.m. **Department of Justice missing persons legislation implementation (Tab 3)**
- Melissa Schlichting, Assistant Attorney General
 - Tina Chamberlain, Looping In Native Communities Coordinator
 - Misty LaPlant, Missing Persons Specialist
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any

- 4:30 p.m. **Indian Gaming Association Update**
- Raymond "Jazz" Parker, general manager, Northern Winz Casino
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any

5:00 p.m. **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the STRC

5:15 p.m. Recess

Friday, March 6, 2020

- 8:00 a.m. **Improving communication between tribes & the state in child neglect cases - follow up to questions asked in November (Tab 4)**
- I) Show cause hearing timeline discussion
- Legislative history and other states' timelines - Ms. Stockwell
 - Update on emergency protective service hearings pilot project - The Honorable Jessica Fehr and The Honorable Ashley Harada, Yellowstone County District Court (by phone)
 - Continued perspectives from November speakers:
 - The Honorable Rod Souza, Yellowstone County ICWA Court (by phone)
 - Jim Reinstma, parent attorney (by phone)
 - Marti Vining, Children & Family Services Division Administrator, DPHHS
 - Questions/discussion - STRC

- 9:00 II) Review of other information requests
- Introduction - Ms. Stockwell
 - ICWA position update and ICWA training practices - Ms. Vining
 - Questions/discussion - STRC
- III) Public comment
- IV) Committee action, if any

10:00 a.m. Break

- 10:15 a.m. **Maintenance of highways within reservation boundaries (Tab 5)**
- Overview - Toni Henneman, LSD
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. **Treaty rights publication update**
- Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:30 a.m. **Runaway youth: reasons why they run multiple times (Tab 6)**
- Heather Denny, Title I, Homeless Education, Family and Community Engagement, OPI
 - Jordann Lankford-Forster, Immersion and Indian Education For All Facilitator, Paris Gibson Education Center, Great Falls (by phone)
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. **Implementation of SB 309 (2017) (Tab 7)**
- Heather Sobrepena, Department of Commerce
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. **Update from Governor's Office of Indian Affairs**
- I) Overview - Jason Smith, Director
- II) American Indian health strategic plan
- Karen Cantrell, American Indian health director, DPHHS
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
- III) Update on sweats at Shelby prison
- Harlan Trombley, American Indian Liaison, and Colleen Ambrose, chief legal counsel, Department of Corrections
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
- IV) Committee action, if any

- 3:00 p.m. **Adding tribal entities to Secretary of State lien filing system**
- Background - Ms. Sankey Keip
 - Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:30 p.m. **Census 2020 Update**
- Colleen McCarthy, Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- STRC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:00 p.m. **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and
that is within the jurisdiction of the STRC
- 3:50 p.m. **Other Business**
Instructions to Staff
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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