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66th Montana Legislature

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STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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August 24, 2020

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NOTE: **AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE--SOME ITEMS MAY TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME THAN IS ALLOTTED.**

Monday, August 24, 2020

8:00 a.m. **STRC Call to Order - Roll Call** - Chair Small
Opening prayer and welcome
Administrative Matters - Ms. Stockwell

8:05 a.m. **Study of improving communication between the state and tribes in child neglect cases**
(Tab 1)

- Update on Yellowstone County emergency protective service hearings pilot project
 - The Honorable Jessica Fehr and the Honorable Ashley Harada
 - Jim Reintsma, parents' attorney, Office of Public Defender
 - Marti Vining, CFSD administrator
- Hearing timeline bill drafts for Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee - Ms. Stockwell and Sue O'Connell
 - [HJR 48/49-1](#) : Creating a 72-Hour Shelter Care Hearing
 - [HJR 48/49-2](#) : Revising Time Frame for Show Cause Hearing
 - [HJR 48/49-3](#) : Requiring Review of CPS Judicial Pilot Projects
- CFSD updates - Ms. Vining
 - CFSD [principles](#) and [practice model](#)
- Review of [draft study report](#) - Ms. Stockwell
- Public comment
- STRC questions, discussion
- STRC action, if any

- 9:30 a.m. **Study of runaway youth** (Tab 2)
- review of legislative proposals and [draft report](#) - Ms. Stockwell
 - [PD0006](#) - authorizes minors to consent to no cost emergency shelter and services
 - [PD0007HS](#) - establishes graduation requirements for youth who've experienced homelessness or been in foster care, the juvenile justice system, or have experienced a medical or mental health crisis
 - [PD00014](#) - clarifying that minors' ability to disaffirm contracts for housing is restricted
 - Public comment
 - STRC questions, discussion
 - STRC action, if any
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **Legislative Services Updates**
- Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Analyst
 - STRC questions, discussion
- 10:40 a.m. **Updates from the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, including COVID-19 related**
- Jason Smith, Director and Lesa Evers, DPHHS
 - Public comment
 - STRC questions, discussion
 - STRC action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **Statutory reports from the Department of Commerce**
- 1) 90-1-132, MCA - [biennial report](#) of State Tribal Economic Development Commission activities
- Maria Valandra, Interim Program Manager, Indian Country Economic Development Program, Dept of Commerce
 - Public comment
 - STRC questions, discussion
 - STRC action, if any
- 11:20 2) 90-1-105, MCA - [update](#) on decennial report on economic contributions of reservations in Montana
- Robert Sonora, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana
 - Public comment
 - STRC questions, discussion
 - STRC action, if any
- 11:40 a.m. **Census 2020 update**
- Mary Craigle, Dept of Commerce, and Colleen McCarthy, US Census Bureau
 - Public comment
 - STRC questions, discussion
 - STRC action, if any

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. **HJ 10 study of barriers to American Indian voting in Montana** (Tab 3)
- [Draft letter](#) to SOS/county election administrators and [draft study report](#) - Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - STRC questions, discussion
 - STRC action, if any
- 1:50 p.m. **Statutory changes in light of federal recognition of the Little Shell ([PD0001](#))** (Tab 4)
- Review - Ms. Sankey
 - Public comment
 - STRC questions, discussion
 - STRC action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. **Highway maintenance within reservation boundaries** (Tab 5)
- 1) Review of [PD0007TH](#) - motor carrier services authority on reservations
- Ms. Henneman
 - Public comment
 - STRC questions, discussion
 - STRC action, if any
- 2:20 p.m. 2) Review of Fort Belknap [legislative proposal](#) on highway maintenance funding
- Ms. Stockwell and Fort Belknap representatives
 - Public comment
 - STRC questions, discussion
 - STRC action, if any
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. **Missing persons**
[Missing indigenous persons task force report](#) (SB 312, 2019)
- Melissa Schlichting and Tina Chamberlain, Department of Justice
- Review of legislative proposals (Tab 6)
- Ms. Stockwell and DOJ staff
 - [PD0008](#) - establishing a missing persons review commission
 - [PD0010](#) - establishing a missing persons response team training grant program
 - [PD0011](#) - extending the Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force
 - [PD0012](#) - extending the Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force and the Looping in Native Communities grant program
 - Public comment
 - STRC questions, discussion
 - STRC action, if any
- 4:00 p.m. Public comment on any matter under the jurisdiction of the STRC but not on this agenda

- 4:10 p.m. [Draft letter](#) in support of the CSKT water compact
- Chair Small
 - Public comment
 - STRC questions, discussion
 - STRC action, if any
- 4:30 p.m. **Continued discussion of potential legislative proposals and draft reports as needed**
Other Business
Instructions to Staff
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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