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66th Montana Legislature

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### FINAL AGENDA

#### STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

via video conference - see public participation information on last page

June 24-26, 2020

Online meeting materials: <https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/2019str/meeting-info/>

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

#### Wednesday, June 24, 2020

12:50 p.m. STRC Call to Order - Roll Call - Chair Small  
Administrative Matters - Ms. Stockwell

1:00 p.m. Joint meeting with Fort Belknap Indian Community Council  
Opening Prayer and Welcome

Specific topics for discussion:

- Voting
- [Fuel tax transfers for highway expenditures](#)
- [Water compact and settlement legislation](#)

2:55 p.m. Public comment on any matter under the jurisdiction of the STRC but not on this agenda

3:00 p.m. Recess

#### Thursday, June 25, 2020

9:45 a.m. Reconnect to Zoom

10:00 a.m. Joint meeting with Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board  
Opening Prayer and Welcome

11:55 a.m. Public comment on any matter under the jurisdiction of the STRC but not on this agenda

12:00 p.m. Lunch - Recess until 1 p.m.

- 1:00 p.m.      **Follow up on potential legislative proposals**
- 1) [Motor carrier services bill draft](#) (PD0007 TH)
- Review - Ms. Henneman
  - Montana Department of Transportation - Duane Williams
  - Public comment
  - STRC questions, discussion
  - STRC action, if any
- 1:45 p.m.      2) [Statutory reference changes in light of Little Shell's federal recognition](#) (PD0001)
- Review - Ms. Sankey
  - Public comment
  - STRC questions, discussion
  - STRC action, if any
- 2:00 p.m.      3) Runaway youth
- A) Homeless shelter consent
- Introductions and [bill draft](#) review (PD0006) - Ms. Stockwell
  - [Wyoming contract law](#) background - Stacy Strasser
  - [Maryland consent law](#) background - Ingrid Löfgren, Homeless Persons Representation Project
  - Sparrow's Nest, Kalispell - Rachelle Morehead, Executive Director
  - STRC questions
- (15 minute break at approximately 3:00 p.m.)
- B) Graduation requirements
- Introduction and [bill draft](#) review (PD0007 HS) - Ms. Stockwell
  - Tim Norbeck, Superintendent, Jefferson High School, Boulder
  - STRC questions
- C) Youth risk behavior survey (YRBS) question re: runaway youth
- Ms. Stockwell - [North Dakota question example](#)
- D) Public comment on all items related to runaway youth
- STRC questions, discussion
  - STRC action, if any
- 4:00 p.m.      **Updates from the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, including COVID-19 related**
- Jason Smith, Director
  - Public comment
  - STRC questions, discussion
  - STRC action, if any
- 4:30 p.m.      Recess

**Friday, June 26, 2020**

- 8:15 a.m. Reconnect to Zoom
- 8:30 a.m. **HJ 10 study of barriers to American Indian voting in Montana**  
Post mortem on mail ballot primary election in Indian Country
- Introduction - Ms. Stockwell
  - County election administrator perspectives
    - [Joan Duffield, Rosebud County](#)
    - Dulcie Bear Don't Walk, Big Horn County
    - Tammy Williams, Blaine County
    - Katie Harding, Lake County
  - Stakeholder perspectives
    - Ta'jin Perez, Western Native Voice
    - Michaelynn Hawk, Indian People's Action
  - Public comment
  - STRC questions, discussion
  - STRC action, if any
- 9:30 a.m. **Study of improving communication between the state and tribes in child neglect cases**
- Court Improvement Project training for qualified expert witnesses - Brooke Baracker-Taylor, Assistant Attorney General
  - CFSD updates and data review - Marti Vining, CFSD Administrator, DPHHS
    - [April 2020 caseload](#)
    - [Comparison of reports and substantiations](#) March/April 2019 and 2020
  - Public comment
  - STRC questions, discussion
  - STRC action, if any
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **Follow up on potential legislative proposals - continued**
- 4) Missing persons
- Review - Ms. Stockwell
    - [PD0008](#) - establish a missing persons review commission
    - [PD0010](#) - establish a missing persons response team training grant program
    - [PD0011](#) - extend the Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force
    - [PD0012](#) - extend the Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force and the Looping in Native Communities grant program
  - Montana Department of Justice
  - Public comment
  - STRC questions, discussion
  - STRC action, if any
- 11:30 a.m. Public comment on any matter under the jurisdiction of the STRC but not on this agenda

- 11:40 a.m.      **Draft letter to USDA in support of livestock producers use of small processing facilities**
- Ms. Stockwell
  - Dept of Livestock Executive Director Mike Honeycutt - invited
  - Public comment
  - STRC questions, discussion
  - STRC action, if any
- 12:10 p.m.      **Continued discussion of potential legislative proposals - continued**  
**Other Business**  
**Instructions to Staff**
- 1:00 p.m.      **Adjourn**

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