



# Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

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## HOUSE BILL 39 WORKING GROUP AGENDA

January 27, 2022

State Capitol, Room 102/ZOOM

*Please note: All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.*

- 8:30 a.m.     **1. Call to Order – Roll Call**  
*Rep. Dennis Lenz, Presiding Officer*
- 8:35 a.m.     **2. Follow-up Items from Previous Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m.     a. Emergency Protective Services Hearings Data: 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District –  
                Judge Jessica Fehr
- b. Coordination of PHCs and EPS Hearings: Costs and Logistics
- i. Beth McLaughlin – Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court
- ii. Deputy Yellowstone County Attorney Scott Pederson
- c. Staff-Prepared Materials – Sue O'Connell, Committee Research Analyst
- i. Judicial District Map
- ii. Memo re Senate Bill 400 and EPS Hearings
- 9:30 a.m.     **3. Stakeholder Experiences with EPS Hearings**  
*Roundtable discussion with working group members.*
- 10:00 a.m.    **BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m.    **4. Proposed Findings and Recommendations**
- a. Overview of Draft Findings and Recommendations – Sue O'Connell,  
                    Committee Research Analyst
- b. Work Group Discussion
- 10:45 a.m.    **5. Review of Draft Legislation**
- a. Overview of PD 1 – Sue O'Connell
- b. Work Group Discussion

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11:30 a.m. 6. Public Comment

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1:00 p.m. 7. Work Session

- a. Work Group Discussion and Direction to Staff on:
  - i. Additional Research/Information Requests
  - ii. Proposed Findings and Recommendations
  - iii. PD 1 Revisions
- b. Next Meeting Date

2:00 p.m. 8. Adjournment

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  - testifying remotely by submitting the [online form for remote participation](#) by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26**. People who submit the form by the deadline will receive a meeting link before midnight on January 26.
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