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HOUSE BILL 39 WORKING GROUP

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Oct. 12, 2021
Videoconference via Zoom

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

3:00 p.m. 1. Call to Order -- Roll Call
Rep. Dennis Lenz, Presiding Officer, HB 39 Working Group

3:05 p.m. 2. Introduction of Members and Staff

3:15 p.m. 3. Administrative Matters -- Sue O'Connell, Committee Researcher
a. Budget/Travel Claims
b. Committee Procedures
c. Background Materials
   i. Related Legislation: HB 39, HB 90, HB 503
   ii. Montana Pre-Hearing Conference Study
   iii. House Joint Resolution 48/49 Report
   iv. HJR 48/49: Bill Draft Considerations

3:20 p.m. 4. Overview: Working Group Purpose and History – Rep. Lenz

3:30 p.m. 5. Roundtable Discussion
a. Opportunities, Obstacles, and Considerations Related to Expansion of:
   i. Prehearing Conferences
   ii. Emergency Protective Services Hearings
b. Role of the Indian Child Welfare Act
c. Similar Laws or Programs in Other States

4:30 p.m. 6. Public Comment*

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4:50 p.m.  7. Next Steps
   a. Meeting Schedule
   b. Information Requests for Next Meeting

5 p.m.  8. Adjournment

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- People may submit written public comment until 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11, either through the online form for written comment or by sending the comments to Sue O’Connell, P.O. Box 201706, Helena, MT 59620.

The presiding officer will call for public comment at the time scheduled on the agenda. However, the committee may be slightly ahead of or behind the time schedule for public comment, so people registered to offer public comment should be prepared to speak earlier or later than the time listed on the agenda.

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