"In the heat of the tightly structured, 90-day session, legislators often identify issues they want to study in more depth. The interim offers you a more measured opportunity to research, meet with subject-matter experts, and listen to the public's perspectives on critical and complex issues. It allows you to define problems, explore alternatives, seek solutions, and propose and test ideas."

"Life After Sine Die"

Note: Agenda times are approximate. Some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated.

Tuesday, September 14

1:00 p.m. Indian Language Preservation and Immersion Programs – Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
  • Overview of the development of Indian language courses at the Montana Digital Academy and Indian language linguistics programs in the Montana University System
  • Overview and background of Indian Language Preservation and Immersion Programs at the OPI
  • OPI objectives, plans, metrics for programs
  • Public comment
  • Committee questions/discussion/next steps

2:10 Montana Digital Academy (MTDA) – Bob Currie, MTDA Director
  • Overview of MTDA, including governance structure and relationship with UM
  • Summary data on courses and kids and school districts; expenditures
  • Public comment
  • Committee questions/discussion/next steps

3:00 Break
3:15  Transformational Learning and Advanced Opportunities Programs – Office of Public Instruction
   - Overview and background of these programs
   - OPI objectives, plans, metrics for programs
   - Public comment
   - Committee questions/discussion/next steps

4:00  OPI Data modernization project overview/update – Office of Public Instruction
   - Public comment
   - Committee questions/discussion/next steps

4:20  Progress report from OPI and DPHHS on funding for Comprehensive School and Community Treatment (CSCT) per HB 671
   - Public comment
   - Committee questions/discussion/next steps

4:40  Committee discussion on coordinating work during the interim; directions to staff

5:00  Adjourn

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