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FINAL AGENDA as of 1/26/2022

Local Government Interim Committee

January 27-28, 2022
State Capitol Building, Room 137

Agenda times are approximate.

Thursday January 27, 2022

1:00 pm Call to Order – Roll Call – Chair Geraldine Custer

1:05 pm SJ 13: Prevailing Wage Study (Tab 1)
• Bidding process for state projects – Russ Katherman, DOA Architecture & Engineering Division Administrator
• Enforcement mechanisms – Eric Strauss, DLI Employment Relations Division Administrator
• Other state enforcement processes – Toni Henneman, Research Analyst
• Questions from the committee
• Public Comment*

2:00 pm SJ23: Public Notice Study (Tab 2)
• Follow-up Question re: Internet Connectivity – Toni Henneman
• Questions from the committee
• Electronic Notice security considerations – Jenn Rowell, editor of The Electric

2:30 pm SJ23: Public Notice Study - Panel
• Panel of newspaper & broadcast personnel
  o Jim Strauss – Missoulian
  o Anita Fasbender – Independent Record
  o Cam Maxwell – Desert Mountain Broadcasting
  o Tamy Wagner – NBC Montana
• Public Comment*
• Questions from the committee

3:15 pm BREAK
3:30 pm  **SB302 (2019) Update and Review** (Tab 3)
- Legal analysis – *Julie Johnson, staff attorney*
- Public Comment*
- Questions from the committee

4:00 pm  **Revenue Interim Committee Updates** – *Megan Moore, RIC Staff*
- HJ6: Coal Trust Study Update
- Letter from RIC re: CI-121

4:15 pm  **Committee work session**

4:30 pm  **Recess for the day**

**Friday January 28, 2022**

9:00 am  **Reconvene** – **Roll call** – *Chair Custer*

9:05 am  **Special Districts – Educational Materials** (Tab 4)
- Review of district types – *Toni Henneman*
- Public Comment*
- Questions from the Committee

9:40 am  **MARA Committee update: special districts** – *Nick VanBrown, LFD*
- Public Comment*
- Questions from the Committee

10:10 am  **HJ30: County Water/Sewer District Study** (Tab 5)
- Summary of comparable statutes – *Toni Henneman*
- Public Comment*
- Questions from the Committee
- **Action item:** potential bill draft request?

11:00 am  **BREAK**

11:30 am  **Special District Oversight – Potential Corrective Measures** (Tab 6)
- Introduction of HB694 (2021) – *Toni Henneman*
- Training and corrective options – *Dan Clark, MSU LG Center & Eric Bryson, MACo*
- Public Comment*
- Questions from the Committee

12:15 pm  **Land Use Working Group Update**

12:25 pm  **Public comment*** on any item in LGIC’s subject matter jurisdiction

12:30 pm  **Committee Work Session**
- Review Interim Timeline
• Define focus of all studies going into stage 2 of interim process
• Further instruction to staff

12:45 pm  Wrap up and adjournment

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