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# Local Government Interim Committee

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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
  - Jim Strauss – Missoulian
  - Anita Fasbender – Independent Record
  - Cam Maxwell – Desert Mountain Broadcasting
  - 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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