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TO: Education Interim Committee Members
 FROM: Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney
 DATE: November 13, 2023
 RE: Administrative Rule Review – November 2023

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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| MAR Notice No. | 10-75-101 – Montana Indian Language Preservation Grants |
| Status | ADOPTED |
| Public Hearing Date | August 11, 2023 |
| Public Comment Period | CLOSED: August 18, 2023 |
| Summary of Proposed Changes | The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) has adopted new rules for the Montana Indian Language Preservation Grant program with minor changes from the proposed amendments. The final version of ARM 10.75.103 strikes former subsection (7), which detailed prohibited activities and costs; strikes former subsection (12), which limited the allowable administrative costs to 5% of the grant award; and strikes former subsection (13), which limited the total amount of the grant that could be spent on personnel costs to 45%. The new rules were effective as of September 23, 2023. |

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

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| MAR Notice No. | 10-102-2301 – Update Rules to Comply with Recent Legislation |
| Status | PROPOSED |
| Public Hearing Date | December 1, 2023 In person and Zoom access |
| Public Comment Period | OPEN: December 1, 2023 5pm |
| Summary of Proposed Changes | The Montana State Library has proposed a package of rule amendments designed to comply with recently enacted legislation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ New Rule I moves out of ARM 10.102.4003 and into a standalone rule so the definitions apply through the subchapter, which provides public library standards. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ New Rule II provides an introductory statement for the state reference network (the "Montana Real Time Network"). ▫ New Rule III provides additional definitions for the subchapter governing the Montana Real Time Network. ▫ New Rule IV provides a process for setting network subscription rates. ▫ ARM 10.102.1158 is amended to include accredited tribal college libraries in covered libraries and clarifies the standards for library boards and directors to secure financial resources. ▫ ARM 10.102.1160 is amended to strike the requirement that a director of a library that serves more than 25,000 people has a Master of Library Science or equivalent degree. ▫ Amendments to ARMs 10.102.9101, 10.102.9102, 10.102.9104, and 10.102.9105 reflect the update from the Montana Land Information Act to the Montana Geospatial Information Act. With the restructuring the Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council, the existing grand review subcommittee and land information plan subcommittee are no longer necessary, and language pertaining to the subcommittees is stricken. The geospatial information plan is no longer required to be drafted annually, and the rule amendments provide additional flexibility for reviewing and revising the plan. The geospatial information grants will move from annual to 2-year grants, creating efficiency gains and eliminating work required to give extensions to grantees who typically require 2 years to complete grants. ▫ ARMs to be repealed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10.102.9103 Appointment of Land Information Plan and Grant Review Subcommittees (subcommittees to be eliminated) ▪ 10.102.9106 Monitoring the Montana Land Information Account Funds (rule serves no practical purpose) |
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