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MEETING AGENDA

Updated 3/11/24

SAVA Meeting #5: Thursday, March 14 - Friday, March 15, 2024
Rooms 317 & 152, Capitol Building, Helena

All times are approximate. Some agenda items may take more or less time than scheduled.

DAY ONE - JOINT MEETING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE (ROOM 317)

NOON **LUNCH WITH THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

1:30 P.M. **CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | OPENING REMARKS [TAB 1]**
Representative Julie Dooling, SAVA Presiding Officer
Representative Llew Jones, LFC Presiding Officer

1:35 P.M. **SJ 4: PROVIDE FOR INTERIM STUDY OF PERS AND TRS [TAB 2]**

- "Retirement System Overview for Legislators" - Elizabeth Wiley, Public Pension Coordinator and Consulting Actuary, Cheiron
- "State Pension Funding and Models for Success" - David Draine, Principal Officer and Corryn Hall, Manager, The Pew Charitable Trusts, State Fiscal Policy Project
- Research Requests - MT Appropriations History & Other States' Contribution Rates - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Next Steps for SJ 4 Study/Open Discussion - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Questions & Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Public Comment* on SJ 4
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, and Instructions to Staff

4:30 P.M. **RECESS UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH**

DAY TWO - REGULAR SAVA MEETING (ROOM 152)

8:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | OPENING REMARKS [TAB 1]

Representative Julie Dooling, Presiding Officer

- Overview of Day Two Meeting Agenda

8:35 A.M. PENSION OVERSIGHT - HB 569 [TAB 3]

- Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Representative Terry Moore, HB 569 Sponsor
- Jessie Luther, Lobbyist, Association of Montana Troopers and Brian Thompson, Lobbyist, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
- Committee Questions & Discussion
- Public Comment* on Pension Oversight - HB 569
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, and Instructions to Staff

9:35 A.M. DECENNIAL VETERANS' LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS STUDY [TAB 4]

- Mike Randol, Medicaid and Health Services Executive Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Kelly Ackerman, Administrator, Montana Veterans' Affairs Division
- Committee Questions & Discussion
- Public Comment* on the Decennial Veterans' Long-Term Care Needs Study
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, and Instructions to Staff

10:25 A.M. BREAK

10:35 A.M. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW

- Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment* on Administrative Rule Review Matters
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

10:50 A.M. HJ 23 SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE [TAB 5]

- Representative Ross Fitzgerald, Subcommittee Chair
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment* on HJ 23
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

11:05 A.M. MEMBER TOPIC: SB 93 FOLLOW-UP BILL [TAB 6]

- Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment* on SB 93 Follow-up Bill
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

11:45 A.M. MEMBER TOPIC: TRAINING FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS

- Angela Nunn, Chief Deputy, Office of the Secretary of State
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment* on Training for Election Administrators
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

NOON LUNCH

Hosted by the Office of the Secretary of State for SAVA committee members.

1:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT* ON ANY TOPIC UNDER SAVA'S JURISDICTION [TAB 7]

1:15 P.M. MEMBER TOPIC: ELECTION SECURITY STUDY [TAB 8]

- Review of Existing Resources - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- AI in Elections: Enforcement/Penalties in Other States - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Questions and Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Public Comment* on Election Security Study
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

2:15 P.M. MEMBER TOPIC - IMPACT OF TRANSITION TO PARTISAN COMMITTEES [TAB 9]

- Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment* on the Impact of the Transition to Partisan Committees
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

2:45 P.M. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE BILL PROCEDURE

- Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment* on Changes to Committee Bill Procedure
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

3:00 P.M. MEETING WRAP UP

- Additional Instructions to Staff
- Next Meeting - Thursday, May 23, 2024
- Adjourn

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the times specified on the agenda, the presiding officer will call for public comment from people attending in person and via Zoom. The committee may be slightly ahead of or behind the time scheduled for public comment on the agenda. The presiding officer may limit the time available for public comment.

In Person: A podium with a microphone is available for your public comment in the meeting room. You are welcome to leave written comments for the committee instead of, or in addition to, your spoken comment. Prior registration is not required; you will be asked to sign in when you arrive.

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