



STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

January 11, 2024
State Capitol Room 137 & Zoom
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Jason Small, Chair (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Rosenberg, Secretary
Casey Pallister, Research Analyst
Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney

AGENDA [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

VISITORS' LIST [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

09:01:45 Presiding Officer Small called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

OPENING PRAYER

09:02:56 Rep Running Wolf

09:03:46 Presiding Officer Small

LAW ENFORCEMENT DEGREE PROPOSAL & GALLATIN COLLEGE PEACE OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM

09:04:46 Joe Thiel, Interim Deputy Commissioner of Academic Research & Student Affairs, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

09:16:48 Stephanie Gray, Dean, Gallatin College - Montana State University

Committee Questions/ Discussion

09:33:54 Sen. Webber

POST CERTIFICATION & TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS UPDATE

09:35:41 Sen. Webber

[EXHIBIT 1](#)

09:43:43 Sen. Fox

Committee Questions/ Discussion

09:45:27 Sen. Fox directed a question to Stephanie Gray.

09:45:39 Sen. Fox

09:47:38 Sen. Webber directed a question to Joe Thiel.

09:49:10 Sen. Webber

09:49:53 Casey Pallister, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Public Comment

09:50:22 Shelby DeMars, Montana Police Protective System

09:51:38 Timothy Allred, Executive Director, Public Safety Officer Safety and Training (POST)

POST CERTIFICATION & TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS UPDATE

09:53:49 Sen. Webber

09:55:02 Timothy Allred

Committee Questions/ Discussion

09:56:27 Rep. Running Wolf

09:57:08 Sen. Webber

Public Comment

09:57:55 None

Committee Questions/ Discussion

09:58:36 Rep. Smith

UNDERSTANDING IMPACT AID

09:59:59 Paul Taylor, Budget Analyst, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

10:00:02 Pad McCracken, Research Analyst, LSD

[EXHIBIT 2](#)

[EXHIBIT 3](#)

[EXHIBIT 4](#)

10:00:30 Andrea Mohammadi, OPI

[EXHIBIT 5](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

10:08:23 Rep. Running Wolf

10:14:43 Rep. Running Wolf

10:16:08 Sen. Webber

10:36:06 Sen. Webber directed a question to Andrea Mohammadi.

10:37:55 Rep. Brockman directed a question to Andrea Mohammadi.

10:38:48 Pad McCracken

10:39:26 Sen. Webber

10:44:20 Rep. Stewart Peregory

Public Comment

10:47:06 None

LEGISLATOR TRAINING ON TRIBAL NATIONS AND STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS

10:47:17 Casey Pallister

10:50:01 Sen. Morigeau, SD 48

[EXHIBIT 6](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

11:00:34 Sen. Webber

11:02:37 Sen. Webber

11:03:51 Presiding Officer Small

11:04:10 Sen. Morigeau

Public Comment

11:05:05 None

RECESS

11:05:12 Reopened at 11:17 a.m.

STATE AGENCY UPDATES

Office of American Indian Health

11:17:14 Stephanie Iron Shooter, American Indian Health Director, Office of American Indian Health, DPHHS

[EXHIBIT 7](#)

[EXHIBIT 8](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

11:30:13 Sen. Webber

11:30:55 Rep. Brockman

Office of Indian Country Economic Development (OICED)

11:32:37 T.J. Altekruze, Program Manager, OICED, Department of Commerce

11:40:18 Rachelle Brown, Tribal Tourism Officer, OICED

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[EXHIBIT 10](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

11:53:03 Rep. Sheldon Galloway

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

11:54:34 Rebecca Harbage, Public Policy Director, (DEQ)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

12:03:02 Sen. Webber

Public Comment

12:04:35 Rep. Read

12:05:08 Recessed

911 ADVISORY COUNCIL FUND ALLOCATION

13:30:45 Alan Doane, Attorney General's Office, Department of Justice

[EXHIBIT 11](#)

[EXHIBIT 12](#)

[EXHIBIT 13](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

13:37:01 Vice Presiding Officer Running Wolf

Public Comment

13:38:38 None

SIERRA CLUB MONTANA: PROGRAMMATIC WORK & INDIAN COUNTRY

13:38:52 Caryn Miske, Executive Director, Sierra Club Montana Chapter

[EXHIBIT 14](#)

Public Comment

13:49:45 None

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION STAFF UPDATES**Missing Youth Study**

13:50:24 Casey Pallister

Other Updates

13:57:04 Casey Pallister

Public Law 280 Timeline & Recent Court Decision

13:58:50 Casey Pallister
14:02:42 Laura Sankey-Keip, Staff Attorney, LSD
14:03:01 Rep. Brockman
14:03:11 Laura Sankey-Keip
14:09:26 Rep. Read
[EXHIBIT 15](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

14:12:19 Vice Presiding Officer Running Wolf directed a question to Rep. Read.
14:15:07 Sen. Brown asked about the missing youth study.
14:16:12 Sen. Webber
14:17:46 Rep. Brockman
14:18:43 Casey Pallister
14:19:18 Rep. Brockman
14:19:59 Presiding Officer Small
14:21:21 Sen. Webber
14:22:10 Presiding Officer Small
14:22:20 Sen. Brown
14:23:50 Presiding Officer Small
14:27:02 Sen. Webber spoke about the Secretary of State forwarding information to the tribes.
14:28:55 Sen. Brown spoke about the missing youth study.
14:31:09 Presiding Officer Small

Public Comment

14:31:32 None

Public Comment

14:32:37 Lance Fourstar
[EXHIBIT 16](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

14:36:31 Presiding Officer Small

14:40:51 Sen. Brown
14:42:59 Sen. Webber

RECESS

14:45:32 Reconvened at 3:03 p.m.

OPI UPDATE ON HEART BUTTE SCHOOLS

15:03:37 Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:09:08 Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, OPI

Committee Questions/ Discussion

15:18:59 Vice Presiding Officer Running Wolf
15:22:59 Sen. Webber
15:28:28 Elsie Arntzen
15:29:03 Sen. Webber

Public Comment

15:29:45 None

COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

15:29:57 Presiding Officer Small

Committee Questions/ Discussion

15:30:52 Sen. Webber
15:31:48 Vice Presiding Officer Running Wolf
15:32:13 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
15:34:36 Vice Presiding Officer Running Wolf
15:35:02 Sen. Brown
15:36:12 Vice Presiding Officer Running Wolf
15:36:40 Rep. Smith
15:37:21 Vice Presiding Officer Running Wolf
15:37:36 Sen. Brown
15:38:30 Sen. Webber
15:39:09 Rep. Brockman
15:39:34 Sen. Brown
15:39:48 Rep. Smith
15:40:46 Vice Presiding Officer Running Wolf
15:41:44 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
15:44:08 Vice Presiding Officer Running Wolf
15:44:45 Casey Pallister
15:45:27 Rep. Smith
15:45:54 Vice Presiding Officer Running Wolf

15:47:04 Presiding Officer Small
15:47:44 Sen. Webber
15:48:31 Presiding Officer Small
15:49:05 Rep. Brockman
15:49:24 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
15:52:38 Presiding Officer Small
15:52:49 Casey Pallister
15:53:42 Sen. Webber

ADJOURNMENT

15:54:50 Presiding Officer Small adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.