



STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

68th Montana Legislature

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Mike Fox
Jason Small
Susan Webber

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Tony Brockman
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MINUTES LOG

July 19, 2023
Room 137 & Zoom
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Jason Small, Chair (R)
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Tyson Running Wolf, Vice Chair (D)

STAFF PRESENT:

Casey Pallister, Research Analyst
Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney
Bethany McDowell James, Secretary

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

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

09:01:47 Sen. Small called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

OPENING REMARKS AND PRAYER

09:03:18 Sen. Brown

09:04:57 The committee staff and members introduced themselves.

09:06:29 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy arrived.

COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

09:14:41 Casey Pallister, Lead Committee Staff

[EXHIBIT1](#)

09:24:31 Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney

09:27:07 Bethany McDowell James, Staff Secretary

09:27:14 Karlissa Kelly, Remote Meeting Coordinator

09:27:45 Casey Pallister

[EXHIBIT2](#)

[EXHIBIT3](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

09:36:20 Sen. Small on proxies.

09:36:50 Sen. Webber

09:37:34 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

09:38:12 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

09:39:27 Sen. Brown

Motion

09:41:17 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy moved to adopt the proxy rule in the Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committees. (See exhibit 2)

Vote

09:42:58 Motion carried with Sen. Brown and Reps. Read and Sheldon-Galloway voting no. ([Attachment 3](#))

Motion

09:43:48 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy moved to adopt the Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committees (See exhibit 2)

Vote

09:44:52 Motion carried with Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no. ([Attachment 4](#))

DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

09:45:11 Sen. Small
09:45:59 Sen. Webber nominated Rep. Running Wolf for Vice Chair of the STRC.
09:46:45 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway nominated herself as Vice Chair of STRC.
09:47:08 Sen. Brown
09:48:08 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
09:48:33 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:49:39 Sen. Brown
09:49:58 Sen. Small
09:50:08 Rep. Brockman nominated Sen. Small for Chair of STRC.
09:50:12 Sen. Small

Motion/Vote

09:51:01 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy moved to close nominations for the chair of STRC.
09:51:04 The nomination passed by acclamation, making Sen. Small chair of STRC.

Motion/Vote

09:51:49 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway withdrew her nomination.
09:52:06 Sen. Small moved to close nominations for the vice chair of STRC.
09:52:15 The nomination passed by acclamation, making Rep. Running Wolf vice chair of STRC.

U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

09:52:52 Laura Sankey Keip

Committee Questions/Discussion

10:10:55 Sen. Webber
10:13:38 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
10:16:38 Sen. Small
10:18:18 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy on a meeting with all tribes before September.
10:19:27 Sen. Webber on including tribal courts and other relevant entities in the meeting
10:20:11 Sen. Brown
10:20:56 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway on tribal adoptions.
10:22:37 Sen. Small
10:24:30 Laura Sankey Keip
10:28:31 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy on the Winters Doctrine.
10:30:53 Rep. Read
10:32:56 Sen. Small
10:33:27 Rep. Read
10:34:29 Sen. Small
10:34:37 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

Public Comment on U.S. Supreme Court Decisions

10:35:21 None

RECESS

10:36:34 Reconvened at 10:47:29.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (DOA) BROADBAND UPDATE

10:48:26 Misty Ann Giles, Director, DOA
[EXHIBIT4](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

10:54:18 Sen. Webber
10:55:40 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy on tribal outreach sessions. (See exhibit 4)
10:57:37 Sen. Webber
10:59:06 Rep. Smith
11:01:14 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC) UPDATE

11:04:27 Cynthia Wolken, Deputy Director, DOC
11:05:21 Terry Boyd, Native American Liaison, DOC
[EXHIBIT5](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

11:08:05 Sen. Small

DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS (FWP) UPDATE

11:10:51 Kqyn Kuka, Tribal Liaison, FWP

Committee Questions/Discussion

11:17:23 Sen. Webber
11:18:13 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
11:19:59 Sen. Brown
11:20:12 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
11:23:46 Sen. Webber
11:24:50 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
11:28:42 Rep. Smith
11:32:32 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
11:35:44 Sen. Webber
11:36:29 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
11:37:54 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
11:38:42 Kqyn Kuka
11:39:49 Sen. Fox
11:41:31 Sen. Small
11:44:35 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
11:47:31 Rep. Read

Public Comment on Executive Branch Updates

11:49:55 None

RECESS FOR LUNCH

11:50:38 Reconvened at 13:01:43.

MONTANA MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS (MMIP): UPDATES; PAST AND PRESENT LEGISLATION

13:01:56 Dana Toole, Special Services Bureau Chief, Department of Justice (DOJ)
[EXHIBIT6](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

13:18:18 Sen. Brown
13:21:38 Rep. Brockman
13:24:09 Sen. Webber
13:26:10 Sen. Brown
13:28:20 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

Public Comment on MMIP Update

13:31:10 None

EDUCATION CHANGES

Montana Supreme Court

13:32:22 Laura Sankey Keip

Committee Questions/Discussion

13:36:13 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway on IEFA.
13:39:17 Sen. Small
13:39:48 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
13:40:27 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
13:42:03 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
13:43:12 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
13:43:27 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

Indian Education For All (IEFA)

13:46:59 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)
[EXHIBIT7](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

13:55:29 Rep. Brockman
13:56:08 Sen. Webber
13:56:50 McCall Flynn deferred the question to Brenton Craggs, Staff Attorney, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
13:58:00 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy answered Sen. Webber's question.
14:00:44 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
14:01:25 Brenton Craggs answered Rep. Brockman's previous question.

HB 287 and Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP)

14:03:13 Brenton Craggs, Staff Attorney, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
[EXHIBIT8](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

14:05:54 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
14:06:33 Sen. Webber
14:07:37 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
14:08:05 Brenton Craggs deferred the question to Matt Bell, Language and Culture Specialist, OPI
14:09:46 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
14:10:41 Sen. Webber
14:11:29 Sen. Small
14:11:42 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
14:12:42 Sen. Small
14:13:09 Sen. Webber

Public Comment on Education Changes

14:13:50 None

14:14:01 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy on MILP and immersion programs.
14:17:57 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked Brenton Craggs about feedback from Indian communities.

RECESS

14:21:40 Reconvened at 14:32:09.

WORK PLAN DISCUSSION

14:32:11 Casey Pallister
[EXHIBIT9](#)
14:36:19 Sen. Webber on traveling to reservations.
14:37:16 Rep. Brockman
14:37:51 Sen. Small
14:38:31 Rep. Read
14:39:23 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
14:40:09 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
14:41:58 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
14:42:03 Rep. Read
14:43:00 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy on a meeting with all tribal governments.
14:45:39 Sen. Small on a meeting location for September.
14:46:34 Sen. Webber
14:49:21 Sen. Fox
14:50:09 Rep. Brockman

14:54:41	Sen. Small
14:55:01	Sen. Fox
14:57:33	Rep. Brockman
14:58:13	Sen. Webber
14:58:25	Sen. Small
14:58:30	Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
14:58:41	Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
14:59:34	Rep. Brockman on combining Ft. Belknap, Ft. Peck, Northern Cheyenne, and Crow reservations in one trip.
14:59:53	Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
15:00:08	Sen. Small
15:00:40	Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
15:00:42	Rep. Brockman
15:01:08	Sen. Small
15:02:10	Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
15:02:34	Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
15:04:04	Casey Pallister on the budget and a recap on the meeting decisions.
15:05:46	Sen. Small
15:05:56	Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
15:07:31	Casey Pallister on possible committee topics. (See exhibit 9)
15:11:02	Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
	EXHIBIT10
15:14:28	Sen. Small on DOJ authority to gather information.
15:15:21	Sen. Webber
15:16:03	Sen. Small
15:17:46	Casey Pallister
15:17:52	Rep. Smith
15:19:55	Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
15:20:34	Sen. Small
15:20:52	Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
15:22:00	Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
15:22:10	Sen. Small on next meeting topics.
15:22:51	Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
15:24:32	Sen. Brown
15:25:00	Rep. Smith
15:26:02	Sen. Small on law enforcement degree program. (See exhibit 9)
15:26:14	Sen. Webber
15:33:29	Rep. Brockman
15:34:03	Sen. Brown on hearing from the Public Officers Standards and Training (POST) Council and the Department of Justice (DOJ).
15:34:53	Sen. Small

15:35:09 Sen. Webber on bringing the relevant agencies together to discuss the topic.
 15:35:51 Casey Pallister
 15:36:32 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy on a subcommittee.
 15:37:00 Sen. Webber
 15:37:19 Sen. Fox
 15:37:35 Sen. Small appointed a three-person subcommittee of Sens. Webber and Fox
 and Rep. Brockman to study and discuss the law enforcement degree topic.
 15:38:53 Rep. Smith on state recognition of Turtle Mountain band of Chippewa Indians.
 (See exhibit 9)
 15:39:50 Sen. Small
 15:40:05 Sen. Fox
 15:41:04 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
 EXHIBIT11
 15:41:57 Sen. Small asked Sue Cliff, an enrolled member of Turtle Mountain band of
 Chippewa, to address the committee.
 15:45:41 Sen. Small on Turtle Mountain band of Chippewa tribal government.
 15:48:40 Sen. Small
 15:49:04 Rep. Smith
 15:49:19 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
 15:51:34 Sen. Small
 15:51:42 Rep. Smith
 15:52:35 Sen. Small
 15:52:42 Sen. Webber
 15:54:56 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
 15:57:19 Sue Cliff
 15:59:04 Sen. Small
 16:00:57 Sen. Small on law enforcement operations and legislator/state employee training
 in State-Tribal relations. (See exhibit 9)
 16:02:08 Casey Pallister on revising the Tribal Nations in Montana: A Handbook for
 Legislators.
 16:03:37 Sen. Small
 16:03:43 Rep. Brockman on Indian education for legislators during session orientation.
 16:05:11 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
 16:05:19 Sen. Small
 16:06:07 Sen. Brown
 16:07:08 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
 16:08:18 Rep. Read
 16:10:38 Rep. Smith
 16:10:56 Sen. Webber
 16:14:18 Sen. Small
 16:14:33 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy.
 16:15:39 Sen. Small

16:15:50 Casey Pallister on issues surrounding PL 280. (See exhibit 9)
16:16:32 Rep. Read
16:17:45 Sen. Webber

Motion

16:19:22 Sen. Webber moved to write a letter to the Montana Broadband Advisory Commission encouraging a tribal liaison.

Discussion on the Motion

16:19:48 Sen. Brown
16:20:18 Sen. Small
16:21:09 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
16:21:30 Sen. Small
16:21:34 Rep. Smith

Vote

16:26:43 Motion carried with Sen. Brown and Reps. Read and Sheldon-Galloway voting no. ([Attachment 5](#))

16:26:44 Sen. Small
16:26:49 Sen. Brown
16:27:35 Rep. Read
16:29:07 Sen. Webber
16:30:01 Rep. Smith
16:30:46 Sen. Small
16:31:03 Sen. Brown
16:31:26 Rep. Read
16:32:46 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:34:05 Sen. Small
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16:35:02 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:35:23 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
16:36:06 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:36:44 Sen. Small
16:38:43 Sen. Fox
16:38:59 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:40:26 Sen. Small

Public Comment on any topic within STRC's jurisdiction, but on this agenda

16:40:47 None

Motion

16:41:00 Sen. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

16:41:04 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

16:44:26 Sen. Small adjourned the meeting at 4:44pm.