



Education and Local Government Interim Committee

59th Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

Education and Local Government Interim Committee Tuesday, June 13, 2006 Room 102, State Capitol

- I. 8:00 **Call to order, roll call, approval of February 24 minutes**
- II. 8:10 **Local Government Subcommittee report -- Sen. Laible, chair**
- SJR 11 subdivision study bill draft
 - Next steps for SJR 11 study
 - HJR 10 fire study items referred from EQC
 - Other items
- III. 8:30 **2007 Legislative Initiatives - Local Government**
- Montana Association of Counties -- Harold Blattie, Executive Director
 - Montana League of Cities and Towns -- Alec Hansen, Executive Director
- Committee discussion/decision to request legislation
- IV. 9:00 **Local Government-related public comment**
- V. 9:15 **Postsecondary Education**
- PEPB subcommittee report -- Rep. Galvin-Halcro, chair, Alan Peura, LFD, Eddy McClure, LSD
 - Report from Office of Higher Education -- Dr. Sheila Sterns, Commissioner
- VI. 10:15 **2007 Legislative Initiatives - Education, Other Agencies**
- Office of Public Instruction -- Linda McCulloch, Superintendent
 - Board of Public Education -- Steve Meloy, Executive Director
 - Montana School for the Deaf and Blind -- Steve Gettel, Superintendent
 - Montana Historical Society -- Dr. Mark Baumler, Acting Director, or designee (tentative)
 - Montana State Library -- Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian

Committee discussion/decision to request legislation

- VII. 11:15 **K-12 Education Funding**
- Schweitzer Administration school funding planning for 2007 session -- Jan Lombardi, Education Policy Advisor
 - Montana Quality Education Coalition update, planning for 2007 session and beyond -- Tom Cotton (invited)
- VIII. 12:00 **Education-related public comment**
- IX. 12:30 **Education and Local Government Committee structure**
- Interim committee structure, reorganization background
 - Should an Education Interim Committee be created? Discussion/recommendation
 - Should a Local Government and Transportation Interim Committee be created? Discussion/recommendation
- X. 1:00 **Public comment on any item within ELG's purview**
- XI. 1:15 **Final meeting, August 12-13**
- Agenda items, instructions to staff
- XII. 1:30 **Adjourn**