



## Interim Budget Committee – Section A 67th Montana Legislature

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Room 335  
Helena, Montana

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### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rep. Terry Moore, Chair (R)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Rep. Terry Falk (R)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (R)  
Rep. Naarah Hastings (D)

### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Molly DelCurto, Fiscal Analyst  
Katie Guenther, Fiscal Analyst  
Joe Baan, Fiscal Analyst  
Grace Gibney, Secretary

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

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

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

09:02:27 Rep. Terry Moore called the meeting to order. Staff took roll.

### **MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL:**

09:04:15 Katie Guenther, Lead Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) gave an Overview of the Quarterly Financial Report for the Montana Consumer Counsel.

09:28:04 Jason Brown, Staff, Montana Consumer Counsel presented agency goals and objectives. Answered questions on part time agency FTE analyst position. Answered questions about Legislative Consumer Committee and their involvement in the Montana Consumer Counsel.

10:02:03 Molly DelCurto, Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) continued to discuss Quarterly Financial Report.

### **COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES AND INSURANCE:**

10:23:41 Frank Cote, Interim Deputy Insurance Commissioner, State Auditors Office discussed goals and objectives relating to legislative effectiveness.

10:52:59 Amber Thorvilson, Chief Financial Officer, CSI answered questions on vacancies.

### **BREAK:**

10:58:55 Reconvened at 11:09:10

### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:**

11:09:59 Molly DelCurto, Fiscal Analyst, LFD presented Quarterly Financial Report overview. Fund Reports

11:21:46 Mandy Rambo, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce introduced fellow staff. Gave an overview of organizational chart, agency goals and objectives. Discussed fund reports.

11:57:17 Joe Baan, Fiscal Analyst, LFD gave a brief presentation on Accommodation Tax Fund

12:06:55 Jenny Pelej, Division Administrator Destination MT, DOC answered questions on expenditures and the effects of SB 540.

### **LUNCH:**

12:14:04 Reconvened at 01:03:01

### **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION:**

- 01:03:25 Molly DelCurto, Fiscal Analyst, LFD presented Quarterly Financial Report for the Department of Administration.
- 01:16:03 Misty Ann Giles, Director, Department of Administration (DOA), described organizational chart. Discussed Broadband MT project
- 01:31:47 Michelle Snowberger, Deputy Chief Information Officer, (DOA) spoke about goals of State Information Technology Services Division, (SITSD) and answered IT questions from the committee.
- 01:52:52 Scott States, Director, Montana Lottery gave a brief presentation discussing the mission statement and current goals of the Lottery.
- 02:20:34 Dave McAlpin, Chairman, Montana Tax Appeal Board gave a brief description of the Tax Appeal Board.
- 02:35:35 Molly DelCurto, Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) discussed the Group Benefits Proprietary Fund which provides funding for the Employee Benefits program.
- 02:42:23 Amy Jenks, Administrator, Healthcare and Benefits Division, (DOA)
- 03:06:29 Molly DelCurto, Fiscal Analyst, LFD Quarterly Fiscal FTE Report Overview

### **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FTE AND IT REPORT:**

- 03:24:28 Angie Carter, Financial Manager, Legislative Branch presented expenditure data on IT projects and legal required by HB 2.
- 03:26:43 Dale Gow, Chief Information Officer, Legislative Branch discussed updates on LAWS system.
- 03:31:32 Kelly DaSilva, HR Director, Legislative Branch discussed FTE report.

### **SITSD REPORT:**

- 03:38:02 Kevin Gilbertson, Chief Information Officer, (DOA) discussed SITSD strategic plan and current statewide goals. Answered committee questions about AI system and development.

### **HB 424 UPDATE:**

- 04:06:39 Quinn Holzer, Assistant Director, (LFD) gave a brief overview of HB 424 committee on budgeting process study for personal services.

### **PENSION REPORT UPDATE:**

- 04:13:25 Rebecca Power, Lead Staffer, State Administration and Veterans Affairs Infirm (SAVA) Committee gave an update on Pension Study Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

04:19:01 Rep. Terry Moore called for public comment. None was heard.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

04:24:09 Rep. Terry Moore adjourned the meeting.