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Education Interim Budget Committee Agenda Wednesday March 13, 2024 State Capitol Room 102

Note: Agenda times are approximate. Some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated.

- 8:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
- 8:05 a.m. Commissioner of Higher Education
- Quarterly Financial Report – Kurt Swimley, LFD
 - Report on Foreign Countries of Concern (HB 946) – Shauna Lyons, MUS Director of Budget and Planning, OCHE
- 8:25 a.m. Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
- Quarterly Financial Report – Julia Pattin, LFD
 - Update on Covid-19 Funding – Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, OPI
 - Enrollment Count Update – Paul Taylor, Budget Analyst, OPI
 - HB 36 Implementation – Paul Taylor, Budget Analyst, OPI
 - English Language Proficiency Accreditation Standards Economic Impact Statement – Dr. Julie Murgel, Chief Program Officer, OPI
 - Update on HB 749 Implementation – Jason Neiffer, Executive Director, Montana Digital Academy
 - Update on Funding of OPI’s Career Coaching Initiative – Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, OPI
- 10:00 a.m. HB 367 – OPI Database Modernization and HB 949 – Education and Workforce Data Governance
- Database Modernization Update – Rob Stutz, Chief Legal Counsel & Deputy Superintendent, OPI
 - PowerSchool Capabilities Presentation – PowerSchool
 - Report from the HB 949 Education and Workforce Data Governing Board – Misty Ann Giles, Director, Department of Administration and Board members
 - Committee Discussion
- 11:45 a.m. Public Comment
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch

- 1:00 p.m. Administrative Services Study
- Summary of available services – Misty Ann Giles, Director, Department of Administration
 - Agency responses
 - Montana State Library – Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
 - Montana Historical Society – Molly Kruckenberg, Director
 - Montana Arts Council – Krys Holmes, Executive Director
- 2:00 p.m. Montana State Library
- Quarterly Financial Report – Katie Guenther, LFD
 - Real-Time Network Update – Evan Hammer, Digital Library Administrator, MSL
- 2:30 p.m. Montana Historical Society
- Quarterly Financial Report – Kurt Swimley, LFD
- 2:45 p.m. Montana Arts Council
- Quarterly Financial Report – Kurt Swimley, LFD
- 3:00 p.m. Board of Public Education
- Quarterly Financial Report – Julia Pattin, LFD
- 3:15 p.m. Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
- Quarterly Financial Report – Julia Pattin, LFD
 - Overview of Organizational Structure – Paul Furthmyre, Superintendent, MSDB
 - Follow-up on Interpreter Programs – Brandy Reinhart, State of Montana Ambassador for the National Association of Interpreters in Education (NAIE)
- 4:15 p.m. Committee Discussion – Work Plan
- 4:30 p.m. Potential Action related to OPI
- 4:45 p.m. Public Comment
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn