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Education Interim Budget Committee Agenda Wednesday September 13, 2023 State Capitol Room 317

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

- 7:45 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
- 7:50 a.m. Montana State Library
- Quarterly Financial Report – Katy Callon, LFD
 - Update on the Hot Spot Program – Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
- 8:15 a.m. Commissioner of Higher Education
- Quarterly Financial Report – Kurt Swimley, LFD
 - HiSET Program Report – Shauna Lyons, MUS Director of Accounting and Budget
 - Report on Foreign Countries of Concern – Helen Thigpen, Deputy Commissioner for Government Relations and Public Affairs
- 9:15 a.m. Montana Arts Council
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD
- 9:30 a.m. Montana Historical Society
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
- Quarterly Financial Report – Julia Pattin, LFD
 - Update on Covid-19 Funding – Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer
 - Update on Database Modernization – Chris Sinrud, Chief Information Officer and Zam Aldina, Program Manager for Data Modernization
 - Indian Education and Language Preservation organizational structure and vacancies – Dr. Julie Murgel, Chief Program Officer and Donnie Wetzels, Language and Culture Specialist
 - Career Coaching Initiative and staffing – Mary Heller, Montana Ready Coordinator
- 11:45 a.m. Public Comment

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. HB 587 Scenarios – Julia Pattin, LFD; Pad McCracken, LSD; and Paul Taylor, OPI
- 2:00 p.m. Board of Public Education
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD
- 2:15 p.m. Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD
- 2:30 p.m. Committee Discussion – Work Plan
- HB 946 Study – Potential Department of Administration provision of administrative services to the Montana State Library, Montana Arts Council, and Montana Historical Society
 - Other topics
- 3:00 p.m. Public Comment
- 3:15 p.m. Adjourn