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Room 317
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. David Bedey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst
Julia Pattin, Fiscal Analyst
Kurt Swimley, Fiscal Analyst
Mark Yakubovich, Fiscal Specialist
Grace Gibney, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

08:32:19 Rep. David Bedey called the committee to order. Staff took roll.

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY:

08:35:16 Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) presented Quarterly Financial Report for Montana State Library.

08:53:02 Melissa Briggs, Central Services Administrator, Montana State Library presented organizational chart.

09:01:33 Evan Hammer, Digital Library Administrator, Montana State Library presented Real Time Network Report.

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

09:13:28 Kurt Swimley, Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) presented Quarterly Financial Report for Montana Historical Society.

09:26:32 Molly Kruckenberg, Director, Montana Historical Society presented organizational chart.

MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL:

09:34:06 Kurt Swimley, Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) presented Quarterly Financial Report for Montana Arts Counsel.

09:40:59 Chris Holmes, Executive Director, Montana Arts Counsel introduced herself as new executive director. Presented organizational chart.

09:45:19 Kristen Burgoyne, Deputy Director, Montana Arts Counsel answered questions relating to SITSD.

BREAK:

09:48:15 Reconvened at 10:16:02

MONTANA COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

10:16:19 Kurt Swimley, Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) presented Quarterly Financial Report for Montana Commissioner of Higher Education.

10:31:55 Tyler Trevor, Deputy Commissioner, Officer of Montana Commissioner of Higher Education answered questions about organizational changes and recent FTE combinations.

10:34:25 Shauna Lyons, MUS Director of Budget & Planning, Montana Commissioner of Higher Education made additional comments. Spoke about Hi-SET Report.

MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION:

10:45:34 Mark Yakubovich, Fiscal Specialist, (LFD presented Quarterly Financial Report for Montana Board of Public Education.

10:50:57 Nicole Flynn, Executive Director, Montana Board of Public Education answered questions about agency FTE utilization.

BREAK:

09:48:15 Reconvened at 10:15

MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND:

11:01:12 Mark Yakubovich, Fiscal Specialist, (LFD presented Quarterly Financial Report for Montana School for The Deaf and Blind

11:06:45 Paul Furthmyre, Superintendent, Montana School for The Deaf and Blind described staff organization, and unique aspects to hiring interpreters.

LUNCH:

11:55:01 Reconvened at 01:01:39

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (OPI):

01:01:56 Julia Pattin, Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) presented Quarterly Financial Report for Montana Office of Public Instruction

01:16:44 Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Public Instruction, (OPI) discussed staffing report for OPI and COVID-19 funding report.

01:32:00 Julia Pattin, Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) introduced an update on HB 587 implementation.

01:33:01 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division, (LSD) continued to explained HB 587 and answered questions about flow of cash for FY 2024.

01:51:58 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association discussed update on School Health Trust HB 332 implementation.

02:06:30 Chris Sinrud, Chief Information Officer, (OPI) presented an update on OPI Database Modernization Project.

02:19:12 Ed Dedic, Vice Preseident, PowerSchool answered questions surrounding access to data.

02:26:21 Sarah Singer, Senior Director, Education Strategy, PowerSchool continued to answer questions surround data and the PowerSchool application.

- 02:43:44 Rob Stutz, Chief Legal Counsel, Deputy Superintendent, (OPI) answered questions surrounding data collection.
- 02:52:01 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association discussed 20-07-104 and the term "education data".
- 03:06:27 Laura San Key-Kiep, Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD) confirmed Mr. Meltons comments.
- 03:26:00 Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction, (OPI) discussed and made comments on responsibilities surrounding student data collection and HB 949.
- 03:54:15 Misty Ann Giles, Director, Department of Administration, (DOA) answered questions on I Database Modernization Project.
- 03:59:02 Ed Dedic, Vice Preseident, PowerSchool answered question from Rep. Bedey about suggestions to modify contract. To keep the distance and the temperature at bay and still decide to keep the past long and toiling on the fastest wings of eagles.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 04:13:05 Rep. Linda Reksten made comments on Database Modernization Project.
- 04:16:07 Jenny Murnane-Butcher, Deputy Director, Montanans Organized For Education raised questions and concerns from members surrounding school funding formula.

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COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

- 04:19:02 Rep. David Bedey discussed committee workplan. Announced the Department of Administration report on support it can provide Montana State Library, Montana Historical Society and Montana Arts Counsel

ADJOURNMENT:

- 04:23:15 Rep. David Bedey adjourned the meeting.

