



## Long-Range Planning Interim Budget Committee

68th Montana Legislature

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Room 472  
Helena, Montana

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### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Joe Triem, Deputy Director Legislative Fiscal Division  
Mark Yakubovich, Fiscal Specialist

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

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

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

#### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

08:35:16 Rep. Mike Hopkins called the meeting to order. Staff took roll.

### **Montana Historic Preservation Grant Program**

- 08:35:53 Mandy Rambo, Deputy Director of Department of Commerce, presented grant program updates
- 08:43:32 Rep Mike Hopkins requested copy of testimony for official record
- 08:43:55 Rep Fitzpatrick asked how many applications the organization had received and how it compared to last biennium

### **Montana Coal Endowment Program**

- 08:46:50 Becky Anseth, Program Manager for Montana Coal Endowment program
- 08:45:21 Rep Hopkins asked which project was withdrawn during last legislative session

### **Renewable Resource Grant and Loans & Reclamation Development Grant Programs**

- 08:46:50 Autumn Coleman, Resource Development Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), provided updates
- 09:00:03 Rep Fitzpatrick asked if there was anything in statute that requires a match with the programs
- 09:01:27 Rep Tuss asked about restoration applications
- 09:02:26 Sen Cuffe requested explanation on Department of Environmental Quality turning over responsibilities within program
- 09:02:56 Autumn Coleman responded
- 09:05:35 Meagan Gilmore provided additional comments
- 09:06:14 Sen Cuffe
- 09:09:24 Rep Tuss asked about St Mary's Project
- 09:10:12 Autumn Coleman
- 09:11:30 Rep Tuss asked about how HB6 funds are utilized, what type of funds they are, how quickly they could be accessed/available, and assistance from federal government
- 09:16:43 Sen Cuffe asked about the relationship between the project and the legislature in regards to HB6
- 09:19:46 Rep Hopkins asked about the infrastructure bill funding from the headlines
- 09:20:05 Anna Miller responded to comments and concerns
- 09:22:49 Rep Tuss
- 09:27:07 Sen Lang

- 09:27:57 Sen Cuffe asked about state and federal governments working together during project and how the tribal governments are included in the equation when tribal land is affected
- 09:30:03 Rep Hopkins discussed topics to revisit for next meeting
- 09:33:01 Autumn Coleman presented ARPA funding updates
- 09:36:39 Sen Cuffe asked about the funds under review
- 09:39:20 Joe Triem commented on the need to identify the needs and then how to provide the resources to meet those needs
- 09:43:28 Autumn Coleman

### **Long-Range Building Program Updates**

- 09:46:52 Russ Katherman, Administrator for Architecture and Engineering Division Department of Administration, provided update on long range building projects
- 09:56:01 Randy Stephens continued presentation
- 09:57:02 Misty Giles, presentation
- 10:03:40 Rep Hopkins asked about timeline or completion time
- 10:04:58 Sen Cuffe asked about the funding of the project and if it was still in line with the originally outlined budget
- 10:07:03 Russ Katherman and Randy Stephens continued presentation
- 10:17:33 Sen Cuffe asked for clarification on market trends and what that means for Montana
- 10:20:30 Russ Katherman and Randy Stephens continued presentation
- 10:23:54 Joe Triem reminded committee of tour of Montana Law Enforcement Academy after meeting
- 10:24:26 Erica Thomas requested confirmation of which members were attending and who needed a ride
- 10:25:57 Rep Hopkins asked about the correlation between the materials price chart and time to delivery of materials chart
- 10:27:02 Russ Katherman and Randy Stephens continued presentation
- 10:29:35 Joe Triem asked what sort of metric was used to track wants, needs and funding progress
- 10:30:42 Randy Stephens responded
- 10:33:22 Joe Triem requested background on government buildings, maintenance and upkeep
- 10:38:31 Russ Katherman showed assessment report website to committee, spoke on assessments needed for 2024
- 10:42:57 Sen Cuffe asked if there was any tracking of energy efficient improvements

### **HB10 project with reporting requirements**

- 10:45:15 Tom Gallagher, Dean Missoula College, provided UM cybersecurity initiative update (Exhibit)
- 10:52:44 Sen Cuffe asked about equipment and results
- 10:54:27 Sen Boldman asked about methods of raising awareness and funding efforts
- 10:55:17 Rep Tuss asked about results driven from program and if that is a trend we can actively work towards resolving
- 10:58:48 Dianne Burke, Professor of cybersecurity at University of Montana, answered questions in regard to number of participants and volume of hits the program is receiving
- 11:00:48 Rep Lammers asked what type of persons are being discovered with program, whether they are local or foreign, and what the process is of apprehending the individuals
- 11:04:05 Dianne Burke provided comments on outreach
- 11:13:03 Rep Lammers asked which department of the National Guard handles cybersecurity
- 11:13:25 Rep Hopkins asked about requests for the upcoming legislative session for the project; requested a list of events being held to disseminate to fellow legislators
- 11:15:34 Micheal Walker presented Departments of Justice CARS update
- 11:26:18 Sen Cuffe commented on the more streamlined process
- 11:27:33 Rep Hopkins asked about the price per kiosk for future plans and the timeline would be for implementing these kiosks into offices across the state

### **Public Comment**

- 11:29:44 None

### **Committee Discussion/Next Meeting**

- 11:30:11 Rep Hopkins discussed next meeting
- 11:30:31 Joe Triem handed out draft agenda for Sept Meeting
- 11:32:30 Joe Triem Introduced Erica as new analyst

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- 11:34:08 Rep Mike Hopkins adjourned the meeting