



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)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Paul Tuss (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

09:34:41 Rep. Mike Hopkins called the meeting to order. Staff took roll.

Commerce Emergency Homeless Shelter Grant Funding

09:36:02 Cheryl Cohen, Montana Housing Division Administrator with Department of Commerce, provided update on commerce emergency homeless shelter grant funding. Answered questions on when awards/grants are provided and what they are being spent on

09:44:45 Rep Mike Hopkins asked if there was a collection of data that breaks down the differences in need amongst the areas with the larger population over the past few years.

Joint Meeting with Section F Long-Range Planning

09:51:00 Jennifer Patrick, Program Manager of the Milk River Irrigation Project Joint Board of Control, presented on project. Answered questions on locations of facilities, funding timelines, current capacity, and future issues with capacities

Legislative Audit Division

10:43:02 Will Soller, Deputy Legislative Auditor Legislative Audit Division (LAD), reviewed the audit division and how it works with and for the legislators

Break

10:49:24 Reconvened at 11:05:03

LRBP Update on Projects and Market Trends

11:05:21 Russ Katherman, Administrator for Architecture and Engineering Division Department of Administration, provided update on long range building projects from 67th session

11:24:40 Randy Stephens, Planning Manager State A&E Division, provided update on 68th session projects, planning projects for the 69th session, and market trends

11:30:25 Rep John Fitzpatrick requested a timeline on how projects progress through different agencies and offices

Discussion of LRBP Presentation of Projects for 2025 Long-Range Planning Subcommittee

11:36:55 Randy Stephens, Planning Manager State A&E Division, presented on 69th session preparation projects. Answered questions on funding progress and received request for breakdown of funds utilized

11:51:55 Dave Kuntz, Director of Strategic Communication at University of Montana, provided update on Cybersecurity Project

HB 10 Projects-DOJ CARS Project update

12:06:35 Lauri Bakri, Administrator for the Motor Vehicle Division, provided update on CARS project

PUBLIC COMMENT:

12:28:07 Will Selph, Chief of Staff DOJ Office of the Attorney General, invited committee to Montana Law Enforcement Academy Campus and Boulder Campus for education on what the facilities provide and to discuss long-term issues the campuses have been experiencing

12:29:41 Joe Triem, Deputy Director LFD, reviewed the schedule for the next meeting of the committee

ADJOURNMENT:

12:30:39 Rep Mike Hopkins adjourned the meeting