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MINUTES LOG

July 31, 11 a.m.
Room 102, Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. LLEW JONES
REP. NANCY BALLANCE
REP. KIMBERLY DUDIK

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

SEN. JON SESSO

STAFF PRESENT

JOE TRIEM, LFD Fiscal Manager
SUSIE LINDSAY, Communications Supervisor
KAREN GILBERT, Committee Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 2](#))

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

00:00:03 Chair Ballance called the meeting to order and the secretary took the roll. ([Attachment 1](#))

Revenue & Agency Budget Restorations Update

00:00:21 Joe Triem, LFD fiscal manager, discussed the LFD general fund revenue summary. ([Exhibit 1](#))

Recap of Agency Budget Restorations in SB 9

00:03:15 Mr. Triem discussed the SB 9 agency restorations chart. ([Exhibit 2](#))

00:06:19 Rep. Ballance said the numbers in the document will be the level to which the committee reviews numbers and it's up to the Governor's office to determine where within each agency the restorations will be made.

Base Budget Discussion

00:07:20 Rep. Ballance said the legislative intent was for the prorated restoration amount as defined in SB 9 to be restored and to become a part of the base budget going into the 2019 session. She said the Governor made an announcement last Wednesday that was also in sync with SB 9 requirements.

Other discussion

00:08:40 Sen. Jones said he was glad to see revenues back close to HJ 2 predictions and he was pleased to see restorations in SB 9. He said it was also nice to see that the budget stabilization reserve fund would have some money put into it in preparation for a potential need in the future.

00:09:24 Rep. Ballance said she agreed. She said it was great to see the numbers back up to where HJ 2 predicted they would be.

00:09:48 Rep. Dudik said she was glad to see more funding in the state so they don't have to have program cuts that really hurt Montanans.

00:10:10 Mr. Triem said the Governor's office has announced it has until Sept. 1 to finalize restoration amounts. He said there will be an Aug. 1 meeting with Dan Villa, budget director, and Sheila Hogan, director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services, to allow providers and Montanans to have a chance to voice priorities.

00:11:03 Rep. Ballance said there will be a meeting of the Children and Families interim committee on Aug. 6 to allow providers and recipients of services an opportunity to comment.

Adjourn

00:12:13 Adjourn