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AGENDA STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE February 22, 2008 Room 102, State Capitol

All times are tentative

- 8:30 Call meeting to order; roll call: Rep. Franke Wilmer, Presiding Officer
- 8:31 Approve minutes of November 30, 2007 and January 7, 2008 meetings
- 8:32 Committee work session: staff presentation, Committee discussion and action
- HJR 46: Election laws: Sue O'Connell, Research Analyst
 - ▶ LC 9050: General clarification and clean-up
 - ▶ LC 9060: Allow youth as election judges
 - ▶ Absentee ballots and vacancies on ballots -- Staff
 - ▶ Public comment on LC 9050, LC 9060, and vacancies on ballots followed by **Committee action**
 - ▶ Legal memorandum "Constitutionality of a Mail Ballot Postage Requirement": David Niss
NOTE: The Committee members have received a copy of the memorandum. David will respond to members' questions.
 - ▶ Mail ballot election pilot project -- Staff overview, public comment, **Committee action**
- BREAK**
- HJR 59: Public employee retirement systems: Dave Bohyer, Research Director
 - ▶ Information on local government option to join systems
 - ▶ Other states' responses to unfunded actuarially accrued pension liabilities
 - ▶ Comparison of investment of public employee retirement funds in other states
 - ▶ *A Legislator's Guide to Public Employee Retirement* - outline of document
NOTE: The Committee members have received information on each of the items. Staff will present an overview of the information and respond to members' questions.
- 10:30 Veterans
- Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) Campaign Plan: Maj. Gen. Randy Mosley and staff. MG Mosley and his staff will identify for the Committee any statutory changes, any new statutory authority, and appropriations needed to implement the PDHRA Campaign Plan.
 - Ft. Harrison VA Hospital: Joe Underkofler, Director, and staff will inform the Committee regarding Ft. Harrison staff's experience with and efforts to provide post-deployment health services to veterans.
 - Public comment
- 11:45 Revisit draft legislation (LC 18) regarding agency rulemaking and the recent Montana Supreme Court decision regarding the "reasonable necessity" requirement in MAPA. The Committee adopted this draft at the 1/7 meeting, but staff's review of the Committee's action revealed that the Committee didn't call for public comment prior to taking action. The Committee will reconsider its action taken on LC 18 on January 7, 2008
- Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action

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TENTATIVE AGENDA
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- 1:00 Reconvene
- 1:01 Reimbursement for meals, lodging, and mileage
- Historical development of reimbursements: Dave Bohyer, Research Director
 - Fiscal and management considerations: Sheryl Olson, Dep. Director, Dept. of Administration
 - Legislative Council action re legislator reimbursement: Sen. Gebhardt will provide update
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action
- 2:00 Office Space Issues: Sheryl Olson, Dep. Dir., Dept. of Admin., and OBPP staff
- Committee discussion: (1) Should the legislature develop policy guidelines for reviewing such contracts? (2) Should the legislature develop a process for public hearing and input on office space leases/contracts prior to the state entering into such contracts? (3) Should the legislature develop a policy regarding changes to the terms or conditions after a contract has been signed?

BREAK

- 3:00 Election topics
- Secretary of State staff, Ralph Peck, Chief Deputy Secretary of State, and staff will inform the Committee of:
 - the financial costs that local governments incur whenever they conduct certain elections, including: legislative, district-wide elected offices, statewide offices, ballot measures (both initiatives and referenda), presidential elections, et al.;
 - the types of resources--financial, staff, technical, etc.-- that the state's chief elections officer should provide;
 - how much funding it would cost the state to provide the resources (identified immediately above);
 - the source of revenue from which the costs should be paid;
 - the Secretary's response to concerns expressed by the League of Women Voters regarding the relative security of certain electronic voting machines.
 - Public comment
- 3:45 Public comment on any subject within the Committee's purview
- 4:00 Other Committee business
- Member issues
 - Montana state income tax exemption of military retirement income -- Committee discussion (Rep. Ingraham) and action
 - Proxy voting - Rep. MacLaren
 - Other
 - Legislative Council request for Committee discussion of and input on proposed clarification/revisions regarding the operation of interim committees (rules, guidelines, and procedures for interim committees); and budget-planning for next interim.
 - A "mid-interim assessment" of Committee goals and objectives.
 - Instructions to staff
 - Other
- 5:00 Adjourn