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Education Interim Budget Committee Agenda
March 16, 2022
State Capitol Room 137

8:30 a.m. Call to order
Roll call and approval of minutes
Next steps for personal services reporting – Katie Guenther, LFD

8:45 a.m. Commissioner of Higher Education
- Quarterly Financial Report – Katie Guenther, LFD
- Update on shared policy goals – OCHE
- Update on Teacher Education Programs, Workforce Recovery, Accelerate Montana, Cyber Hub, and HiSET – TBD
- Community College Funding Formula Factors

9:45 a.m. Public Comment

10:00 a.m. Montana State Library
- Quarterly Financial Report – Katy Callon, LFD
- Update on the real-time network, MLIA funding (HB 49), and 911 funding (HB 50)
  – Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
- Program Discussion – Katy Callon, LFD and Jennie Stapp, State Library

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Montana Historical Society
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD

11:15 a.m. Montana Arts Council
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD

11:30 a.m. Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB)
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD
- Update on the phone system – Paul Furthmyre, MSDB Superintendent

11:45 a.m. Public Comment

12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided for committee members)
1:00 p.m.  Board of Public Education
   • Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD
   • Board of Public Education and Office of Public Instruction’s costs for licensing teachers – Alice Hecht, LFD

1:45 p.m.  Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
   • Quarterly Financial Report – Julia Pattin, LFD
   • Update on Covid-19 funding including additional details on ARPA homeless children and youth funding – OPI
   • Update on the implementation of HB 206 – OPI
   • Discussion on a reasonable absorption factor for K-12 enrollment increases – OPI
   • Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP) and Immersion Programs
     o Vision for the MILP and Immersion Programs – OPI

3:45 p.m.  Committee Discussion
   • Next steps for the work plan

4:15 p.m.  Public Comment

4:30 p.m.  Adjourn