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Joint Education Interim Budget Committee and Education Interim Committee Agenda March 15, 2022 State Capitol Room 317

- 8:30 a.m. Convene – Chair Bedey and Chair McClafferty
- 8:35 a.m. National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) and National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) presentation on K-12 Education Redesign
- Jason Dougal, President and COO, NCEE
 - Michelle Exstrom, Education Program Director, NCSL
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Kindergarten Readiness – various topics
- Waterford Upstart program, overview and outcomes – Rich Stombres, Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Waterford
 - 5-year trend numbers on 3-4 year olds enrolled/ANB and districts offering early kindergarten under exceptional circumstances – Paul Taylor, OPI
 - State special education preschool funding – Pad
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion
- 11:30 a.m. Montana State Library and Montana Library Association presentation
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided for committee members)
- 1:00 p.m. Montana Digital Academy
- Enrollment update
 - Update on school district fees
 - Status of the development of new courses funded by the 2021 Legislature
- 2:00 p.m. Board of Public Education (BPE) and Office of Public Instruction (OPI) input on the accreditation process bill draft
- 2:30 p.m. OPI Data Modernization Project (details on the licensing system module as well as all other modules included in this information technology project)
- 3:00 p.m. Break

- 3:15 p.m. Implications of CI-121 on School Funding
- 4:15 p.m. Modeling Future Education Expenses
- 4:45 p.m. Public Comment on any topic within the committees' jurisdiction
- 5:00 p.m. Committee Discussion – direction to staff
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn