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63rd Montana Legislature

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL Strategic Planning Ideas 2013- 2014

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After the general opening session of the Strategic Planning Session, the Council members and Legislative Services Division staff will have an opportunity to consider these ideas and more.

Ideas for discussion and interim work plan:

1. Follow-up on rule changes
2. Training for legislative aides
3. Permanent partisan House and Senate staff
4. IT support, allowance, and BYOD (bring your own device). Legislators brought a total of 191 devices to the 2013 Legislature, which proved to be difficult to support. Some legislators used their IT allowance to buy devices that were not recommended and could not be supported.
5. HB 2, the 2011 10-day break, bill flow, the number of vetoes and veto polls
6. Requests for legislators' information (public right to know vs. privacy) and emails
7. Caucus, Legislator Orientation, legislative calendar
8. Legislative space for staff, space for day care during session

Categories generated from the 2011-2012 Legislative Council:

1. Legislative process: votes, proxies, caucus budgets, calendar, rules
2. Interim Committee process: statutory duties, definition of success, what legislators want
3. Legislative support: IT, audio and video, printed or paperless legislature
4. Legislative staff: succession planning, permanent partisan staff
5. Legislative Space: 2009-10 study, retrocommissioning and resulting work on building, insufficient space for staff growth, alternatives to address space needs
6. Leadership training: timing, content, appointments, how to pass on knowledge

Please brainstorm and bring your ideas to the planning session.