



Education and Local Government Interim Committee

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AGENDA

Education and Local Government Interim Committee
June 30, 2009
Room 137, State Capitol

- 10:00 **Call to order, roll call** - Sen. Dan McGee, senior senator
- 10:05 **Introduction of members and staff**
- 10:15 **Election of officers**
- 10:20 **Committee administration** - Leanne Heisel/committee members
1. Budget overview
 2. Operating rules
 3. Mailings/email
- 10:30 **ELG responsibilities** - Leanne Heisel, Jeremy Gersovitz, Casey Barrs
1. Statutory duties
 - ▶ State agency monitoring
 - ▶ Administrative rule review
 - ▶ Review of legislation
 - ▶ Higher education responsibilities and statutory and historic role with respect to University System, Board of Regents, Board of Public Education
 - ▶ Local government responsibilities
 2. Required reports
 3. Assigned studies
 - ▶ HJR 32 (historic preservation)
 - ▶ SJR 2 (establishment of community colleges)
 - ▶ SJR 9 (student loans -- assigned to Legislative Finance Committee)
 4. Shared Policy Goal Resolutions
 - ▶ HJR 6 (K-12)
 - ▶ SJR 8 (K-20)
- 11:00 **Local Government** - Alec Hansen, MT League of Cities and Towns; Harold Blattie, MT Association of Counties
1. Significant legislation enacted, implementation
 2. What to expect in the interim (ARRA spending/tracking, other projects)
 3. Any projects for which local government representatives request committee assistance

- 11:30 **K-12 Education** - Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction
1. Significant legislation enacted, implementation
 2. What to expect in the interim
 3. Any projects for which K-12 representatives request committee assistance
 4. Shared Policy Goals
- 12:00 **Higher Education** - Dr. Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education
1. Significant legislation enacted, implementation
 2. What to expect in the interim
 3. Any projects for which higher education representatives request committee assistance
 4. Shared Policy Goals
- 12:30 **LUNCH**
- 1:30 **Draft Work Plan Overview** - Leanne Heisel, committee members
- 1:45 **Public Comment** on work plan, suggestions for study, interim study assignments
- 2:15 **Committee Work Plan Discussion**
1. Establishment, appointment of subcommittees (if any)
 2. Committee member study initiatives
 3. Adoption/amendment of work plan
 4. Adoption of meeting schedule
- 2:45 **Public comment** on any matter not contained on the agenda but within ELG subject area purview
- 3:00 **Wrap-up**
1. Confirm next meeting date
 2. Review next meeting agenda items
- 3:15 **Adjourn**