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AGENDA

Monday, August 3, 2009

Law and Justice Interim Committee: Meeting #1 Room 102, Capitol, Helena

** Please note: all times are approximate*

- 10:00 a.m. Roll call
Welcome and introductions, **Sen. John Esp**, Acting Presiding Officer
- 10:10 a.m. Overview of committee duties, assigned studies, and other potential emerging issues and member study requests, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Research Analyst
- 10:25 a.m. Overview of administrative rule review process and committee duties, **Ms. Valencia Lane**, Staff Attorney
- 10:40 a.m. Election of officers (Presiding and Vice-presiding Officer)
- 10:45 a.m. Staff briefings on assigned studies, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Research Analyst
SJR 29 - study retention of biological evidence (DNA) in felony criminal cases
SJR 39 - study of DUI laws and enforcement
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation of proposed study plan priorities, options for handling emerging issues, and a work schedule, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**
- 11:45 a.m. LUNCH
- 12:45 p.m. Public comment from stakeholders and interested persons
- 1:30 p.m. Agency presentations: brief overviews of agency missions, organization, funding, potential legislative issues, and comments on assigned studies
- ▶ Judicial Branch (15 min)
 - ▶ Department of Justice (15 min)
 - ▶ Montana Board of Crime Control (15 min)
 - ▶ Department of Corrections (15 min)
 - ▶ Office of State Public Defender (15 min)

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- 2:45 p.m. BREAK
- 3:00 p.m. Committee discussion and work session
- ▶ revise and adopt study plan priorities and work schedule
- 3:30 p.m. Adjournment

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