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August 31, 2010

TO: SAVA Committee
FROM: Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services
RE: September 13 meeting agenda and materials

Enclosed in this mailing is a folder containing meeting materials for SAVA's final committee meeting on September 13, which is a Monday. *Please bring the folder with you to Helena, as it will be your meeting packet for the day.*

The meeting will start at **8:30 a.m.** in Room 137 of the State Capitol.

One of the first agenda items will be a presentation by Commissioner of Political Practices Dennis Unsworth. He will address topics related to the work of his office, including:

- the current status of the complaint docket and efforts to reduce the backlog of complaints;
- frivolous complaints;
- issues for the upcoming legislative session;
- new or revised authority; and
- progress with on-line systems.

The commissioner extended an invitation to send him any questions or concerns that you would like him to address during the presentation. Please contact him directly with those requests in the next few days so he has time to prepare the information. He can be reached at 406-444-2942 or dunsworth@mt.gov

Besides the agenda, this meeting packet should contain:

- draft summary minutes from your June 24-25 meeting;
- a required report from the Board of Veterans' Affairs;
- a required report from the Office of the Secretary of State regarding SB 367 from the 2009 session;
- a copy of the mail ballot draft legislation requested at your June meeting;
- letters from the Economic Affairs Interim Committee and the Law and Justice Interim Committee explaining their request for alterations to the agency oversight assignments;
- copies of two committee bills, LCs 148 and 253;
- the table of proposed retirement system changes and possible SAVA recommendations;
- an outline of proposed final report topics;
- a researcher evaluation form; and
- written updates from the Department of Administration.

Also included in the packet is a copy of both retirement boards' funding and benefit policies. These policies were referenced during the discussion in August so I wanted you to have a copy.

The enclosed staff evaluation form is similar to forms you might have filled out for session staff. If you would like to provide comments to Susan Fox, please use the form (ivory paper) and return it to Susan using the envelope provided. It will be used to inform the researcher's annual evaluation.

The packet *does not* include a copy of the draft final report for HJR 35. Dave Bohyer sent that report to you earlier in August. If you need another copy of the report, please email or call me. He will be discussing the report and the draft SAVA recommendations and findings at this meeting so please review that report if you haven't already.

Another mailing will be sent to you before the meeting so you'll have a list of provisions that will be included in each of the two bills recommended to the 62nd Legislature as part of your HB659 study, which are LC251 and LC252. The committee will need to assign sponsors to the legislation at this final meeting. The requests are:

- LC251 -- establish two money purchase plans in TRS for new hires only; and
- LC252 -- professional retirement options for new hires into teachers' retirement system.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 406-444-5367 or rweiss@mt.gov.

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