



## Education and Local Government Interim Committee

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### 62nd Montana Legislature

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### DRAFT AGENDA March 22-23, 2012 Room 102, State Capitol

Thursday, March 22

- 8:30           **Call to order, roll call, approval of January minutes** - Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chair
- 8:35           **Educational Opportunities for Military Children, state compact**
- Introduction - Rep. Price
  - Compact overview, reasons for state adoption - Jacline Harriman, State Liaison, Western Region; Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy
  - Rick Masters, Special Counsel for Interstate Compacts and legal consultant to the National Center for Interstate Compacts, Council of State Governments (CSG)
  - Norman Arflak, Brig. Gen. (*ret.*), Executive Director, Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunities for Military Children, CSG
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, decision on requesting legislation
- 9:45           **The role of libraries in education** - Montana Library Association representatives
- Judy Hart, Government Affairs Chair, MLA
  - Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
  - Committee questions, discussion
- 10:00          **HB 142 Compliance: Student Loan Advisory Council (2-15-1520, MCA)**
- Role and future of the Council - Bruce Marks, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education; Ron Muffick, Student Loan Advisory Council
  - Committee questions, discussion, action, if any
- 10:45          **Teachers' Retirement System status**
- Dave Senn, Director, TRS
- 11:30          **Use of Extracurricular School Funds**
- Statutory limits on use of funds - Dan Whyte, Staff Attorney
  - Montana Association of School Business Officials comment - Steve Johnson, MASBO (unconfirmed)
  - Committee questions, discussion, action, if any

- 12:00           **Committee budget discussion**
- 12:15           **Lunch**
- 1:00            **K-12 Finance Training**  
*\*\* A break will occur at 2:00 so committee members may attend the ceremony commemorating the unveiling of the Francis Bardanouve plaque in the Capitol East Wing\*\**
- Litigation review - Dan Whyte, LSD Staff Attorney
  - Policy/fiscal review - Jim Standaert, Senior Fiscal Analyst, LFD
  - Funds that comprise budgets - Barb Smith, Statewide Fiscal Policy Analyst, LFD
- 3:30            **HJR 39 Subdivision for Lease or Rent study**
- Review AG opinion - Helen Thigpen, LSD Staff Attorney
  - Update on work group meetings, areas of agreement, where to go from here - Kelly Casillas, Administrator, Community Development Division; Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Commerce
  - Work group member comment
  - Public comment
- 5:00            **Public comment on any matter within ELG subject area jurisdiction**
- 5:15            **Recess**

*Friday, March 23*

- 8:00            **Reconvene**
- 8:05            **Indian School Board Caucus** - Montana School Boards Association
- James DeHerrera, Chair, Poplar Public School Board
  - Iris Kill Eagle, Chair, Dodson Public School Board
  - Leonard Bends, Trustee, Lodge Grass Public School Board
- 9:30            **Shared Policy Goals review**
- K-20: graduation data, National Student Clearinghouse data, course coding system/transferability - Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction; Tyler Trevor, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
  - MUS: Strategic Plan changes - Tyler Trevor, OCHE
- 10:30           **Board of Regents/OCHE**
- MUS system initiatives/legislative initiatives - Tyler Trevor, OCHE
  - Funding 2-year education

- 11:30      **Funding Common Core**
- Introduction - Rep. Mehlhoff
  - Comments from Great Falls Public Schools
  - Cost estimate process - Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
- 12:00      **Working lunch (lunch provided for committee members): Chapter 55 Task Force**  
- Dennis Parman, OPI
- Task force history, mission, goals
  - Progress and future
  - Discussions on performance-based accreditation
  - Committee questions, discussion
- 1:00      **Public comment on any matter within ELG subject area jurisdiction**
- 1:15      **Review June meeting, instructions to staff**
- 1:30      **Adjourn**