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Agenda (updated 9/18)

September 19-20, 2013
9:30 a.m. on September 19
8 a.m. on September 20

State Capitol, Room 102

Please note All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.

Thursday, September 19

- 9:30 a.m. Call to Order -- Roll Call -- Presiding Officer Representative Margie MacDonald
Overview of Meeting Agenda - Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst
- 9:45 a.m. Agency Update: Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) -
Introduction of New Executive Director
→ Hal Harper, POST Council Chair
→ Perry Johnson, Executive Director, POST Council
→ Public comment on the agenda item
→ Questions from the committee
- 10 a.m. Committee Issue: Background on Mental Illness and Gun Ownership Issues
Related to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)
→ Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General, Montana Department of Justice
→ Public comment on the agenda item
→ Questions from the committee
→ Committee discussion/*Optional action*: What additional information, if any,
would the LJIC like to request; what actions, if any, would the LJIC like to
take?
- 11 a.m. Committee Issue: Public Defender Commission Oversight
→ Overview of 2012 Performance Audit of OPD -- Megan Coy, Senior
Performance Auditor, Legislative Audit Division
→ Overview of Commission decisions regarding limiting acceptance of new
case assignments -- Chairman Fritz Gillespie and Bill Hooks, Chief Public
Defender

- Public comment on the agenda item
- Committee Discussion/*Optional action*: What additional information, if any, would the LJIC like to request; what actions, if any, would the LJIC like to take?

Noon Break/Lunch

- 1:00 p.m. SJ 22 Study: Family Law in Montana Today
- P. Mars Scott, Attorney and Chairperson of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Montana
 - the Honorable David Ortley, District Court Judge, 11th Judicial District (Flathead County)
 - the Honorable Kurt Krueger, District Court Judge, 2nd Judicial District (Silver Bow County)
 - Standing Master Brenda Desmond, 4th Judicial District (Mineral and Missoula Counties)
 - Lori Maloney, Clerk of the Court, 2nd Judicial District (Silver Bow County)
 - Public comment on the agenda item
 - Questions from the committee

2:30 p.m. Break

- 2:45 p.m. SJ 22 Study: Overview of District Court Workload Tracking
- Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator

- 2:50 p.m. SJ 22 Study: Pro Se Litigants - Challenges and Available Resources
- Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator
 - Alison Paul, Executive Director, Montana Legal Services Association
 - Public comment on the agenda item
 - Questions from the committee

- 3:30 p.m. SJ 22 Study: Mediation - What It Is and How It Works
- Linda Gryczan, Mediator
 - Public comment on the agenda item
 - Questions from the committee

- 3:45 p.m. Committee Issue: Re-entry Task Force Update (HB 68)
- Adrienne Slaughter, Government Relations Director, Department of Corrections
 - Public comment on the agenda item
 - Questions from the committee

- 4:00 p.m. Committee Issue: Update on HJ 16 Study
- Rachel Weiss
 - Public comment on the agenda item

- Questions from the committee
- 4:15 p.m. Agency Oversight: Administrative Rule Review
 - Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Division
- 4:30 p.m. Public Comment on any other item on within the committee's jurisdiction but not on this agenda
- 4:45 p.m. Committee Work Session
 - SJ 22 study: Review of work plan for next meeting; request additional information or suggest topics for next meeting?
- 5:00 p.m. Recess until Friday morning

Friday, September 20

- 8:00 a.m. Reconvene -- Roll Call -- Presiding Officer MacDonald
- 8:05 a.m. SJ 3 Study: Background on Criminal Justice Process Following Conviction
 - Julianne Burkhardt
 - Public comment on the agenda item
 - Questions from the committee
- 8:30 a.m. SJ 3 Study: Background on Department of Corrections Commitments
 - Pam Bunke, Administrator of Adult Community Corrections Division, Department of Corrections (DOC)
 - Public comment on the agenda item
 - Questions from the committee
- 9:00 a.m. SJ 3: Panel Presentation - Pre-Parole Process at Board of Pardons and Parole (Board) and DOC
 - Meaghan Shone, Parole Board Analyst
 - DOC staff
 - Public comment on the agenda item
 - Questions from the committee
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. SJ 3 Study: Panel Presentation - Parole Board Philosophy
 - Ms. Margaret "Binky" Bowman, current Board member
 - Mr. Darryl Dupuis, current Board member
 - Mr. Don Hargrove, former Board member
 - Mr. Sam Lemaich, former Board member
 - Public comment on the agenda item
 - Questions from the committee

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| Noon | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | <p>SJ 3: Panel Presentation: Post-Parole Process and Supervision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Christine Slaughter, Parole Board Analyst → DOC staff → Public comment on the agenda item → Questions from the committee |
| 2:30 p.m. | Break |
| 2:45 p.m. | Public Comment on any other item on within the committee's jurisdiction but not on this agenda |
| 3:00 p.m. | <p>Committee Work Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → SJ 3 study: Review of work plan for next meeting; request additional information or suggest topics or panels for next meeting? (<i>optional action</i>) → Member issues to include in future agendas → Directions to staff → Next meeting: Thursday, December 5 -- Helena |
| 4:00 p.m. | Adjourn |

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