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## State-Tribal Relations Committee

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### 65th Montana Legislature

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# MINUTES LOG

March 30, 2018  
Room 152, Capitol Building  
Helena, Montana

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#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

REP. STEWART-PEREGOY, Chair  
REP. ALAN DOANE, Vice Chair

SEN. JEN GROSS  
SEN. STEVE HINEBAUCH  
SEN. JASON SMALL  
SEN. FRANK SMITH

REP. RAE PEPPERS

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED**

REP. JAMES O'HARA

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

HOPE STOCKWELL, Lead Staff  
LAURA SANKEY KEIP, Staff Attorney  
LAURA SHERLEY, Secretary

## VISITORS' LIST (Attachment 1)

## AGENDA (Attachment 2)

### COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The committee voted to invite representatives from the FBI and DEA to its next meeting to discuss criminal jurisdiction in Indian country.
- The committee voted to have staff draft language to implement the recommendations on DOJ for missing persons programs for consideration at its next meeting.

### OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

00:00:02 Sen. Smith gave the opening prayer.

### RECONVENE AND ROLL CALL

00:00:57 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy reconvened the meeting at 8:04 a.m. The committee secretary took roll ([Attachment 3](#)).

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING, MISSING PERSONS, AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN INDIAN COUNTRY

### Mission Persons: a review of existing programs/services and gaps

Bryan Lockerby, administrator, Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation

00:02:26 Mr. Lockerby reviewed the existing programs and services for missing persons.

### Jen Viets, DOJ CJIN Services Program Manager

00:07:40 Ms. Viets gave the committee an overview of missing persons data in the state ([Exhibit 1](#)), the state's Amber Alert system ([Exhibit 2](#)), and the U.S. Department of Justice's date collection entry guide ([Exhibit 3](#)).

### Challenges of sharing information with law enforcement -- Kyle Moen, chief legal counsel, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:28:49 Mr. Moen

### Questions -- STRC

00:29:27 Sen. Gross asked Mr. Moen how the department works with the DOJ's Clearinghouse database.

00:30:29 Sen. Gross asked Mr. Moen and Ms. Viets if the monthly Clearinghouse lists have adequate information.

00:32:27 Sen. Gross asked Ms. Veits if the Clearinghouse regularly communicates with the OPI.

00:33:59 Rep. Peppers asked Ms. Veits how effective social media is for Amber Alerts and missing children cases.

00:36:29 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked Mr. Lockerby and Ms. Veits if they have seen a correlation between substance abuse and the presence of drug cartels with missing persons in the state ([Exhibit 4](#)).

00:39:46 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on the Attorney General's Substance Abuse in Montana report (see [Exhibit 4](#)), asked that the data be compiled so that the legislature can see what needs to be changed in statute, and to work with the committee staff to find links on what other states are doing on the issue.

- 00:41:53 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked Ms. Veits to comment on the non-custodial parent issue on reservations.
- 00:42:56 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked Mr. Lockerby if local law enforcement is honoring court orders from tribal court systems and if there is awareness training for law enforcement on the missing persons issue.
- 00:44:52 Rep. Peppers asked if the panel is aware of the Indian Child Welfare Act and how it relates to the issue.
- 00:46:13 Rep. Peppers commented on the Indian Child Welfare Act and recommended that the department have awareness of the act.

Public comment

- 00:48:10 Brandi King, Fort Belknap Indian Community Council
- 00:53:09 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy discussed the public comment given and the information that will be given to the committee throughout the day.

Committee discussion

- 00:53:54 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked the committee to discuss the agencies' recommendations and information requests.
- 00:54:51 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on the recommendation to give authority to OPI to obtain school photos for the missing persons database and asked Ms. Stockwell for clarification on the Clearinghouse authority (see Exhibit 1).
- 00:58:49 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on the law enforcement jurisdiction and non-custodial parent issue, and the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).
- 01:01:39 Sen. Gross asked if the committee should direct OPI or the appropriate agency to release school photos of children for use in missing person files.
- 01:04:28 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked the committee for discussion on the information request and asked Mr. Moen to take the information request to the department.
- 01:05:48 Rep. Doane commented on the choice of the parent or guardian to release a photo of the child to the missing persons database.
- 01:06:42 Sen. Gross commented on the state's interest to protect its citizens.
- 01:07:24 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on the recommendations and that the committee should explore all options.
- 01:08:43 Sen. Smith commented on ICWA and the use of children photos for a missing persons database.

Committee discussion on Indian student achievement funding

- 01:10:59 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on possible committee actions regarding Indian student achievement and English Learners funding and asked Ms. Stockwell to give the committee a brief overview on the issue.
- 01:13:35 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy had the members review the memo given to the committee regarding English Learners ([Exhibit 5](#)).
- 01:16:35 Rep. Doane commented on the history of the immersion programs and language preservation programs.
- 01:17:48 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on the options the committee has on English Learners and funding.
- 01:18:38 Sen. Small commented on the language immersion program.
- 01:19:09 Sen. Gross asked for a cost analysis of the options given to the committee.
- 01:20:29 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on the cost analysis data and best practices for language program development and learning.
- 01:22:06 Ms. Stockwell commented on the language programs and the cost analysis.

**Native American Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission -- Eric Parsons, program specialist, DOJ Consumer Protection and Victim Services**

01:25:03 Mr. Parsons presented on the Montana Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission's work ([Exhibit 6](#)).

Questions -- STRC

01:45:30 Rep. Peppers commented on the homicide weapon used most in Indian country.  
01:47:31 Rep. Doane asked if heterosexual and homosexual couples were tracked in the intimate partner homicides.  
01:48:36 Sen. Gross commented on a data discrepancy in the homicide/suicide data in Indian country.

**BREAK** (Reconvened at 10:19 a.m.)

**Mapping missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada and the U.S. -- Annita Lucchesi, cartographer and doctoral student, Lethbridge University (by phone)**

02:16:03 Ms. Lucchesi gave the committee a brief overview of her research to gather data on missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada and the U.S. ([Exhibit 7](#)).

Questions -- STRC

02:30:26 Sen. Gross asked for clarification of the information Ms. Lucchesi requested from local police departments.  
02:31:08 Rep. Peppers asked how many missing Indigenous people have been recovered.  
02:32:15 Rep. Doane asked Ms. Lucchesi whether she has a feeling about why so many Native women go missing.  
02:34:09 Rep. Peppers commented on Ms. Lucchesi's response to Rep. Doane's question.

**Serving women who experience violence -- Carmen O'Leary, coordinator, Native Women's Society of the Great Plains and vice chair, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center Board of Directors in Lame Deer (by phone)**

02:37:02 Ms. O'Leary presented on serving women who experience violence.

Questions -- STRC

None

**Overview of legislation proposed by North Dakota U.S. Senators -- Ms. Stockwell**

Review of proposed STRC letter of support

02:47:57 Ms. Stockwell reviewed the draft letter from the committee to support S. 1870 and S. 1942, and reviewed the funding source for the Crime Victims Fund ([Exhibit 8](#)), ([Exhibit 9](#)), ([Exhibit 10](#)), and ([Exhibit 11](#)).

Questions/discussion -- STRC

02:53:37 Rep. Doane commented on the funding source of the Crime Victims Fund (see [Exhibit 11](#)).  
02:54:25 Sen. Gross recommended sending the support letter (see [Exhibit 8](#)).

MOTION

02:55:43 Sen. Gross moved that the committee adopt, sign, and send the support letter.  
02:56:05 Rep. Peppers seconded the motion

### DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION

- 02:56:38 Rep. Doane asked for clarification on the motion.  
02:57:20 Sen. Gross commented on the committee information that needs updated on the letterhead of the support letter.  
02:58:20 Rep. Doane asked Ms. Stockwell for clarification of the bills and asked that the letter be drafted with the requested changes and then reviewed by the members.  
02:59:15 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked if two letters need to be drafted.

### SUBSTITUTE MOTION

- 03:00:41 Rep. Doane made a substitute motion that the support letter be updated to reflect the changes requested by the committee, and then send the letter.

### DISCUSSION ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION

- 03:01:07 Ms. Stockwell reviewed the committee's options and requests and recommended withdrawing the motions so staff may have time to update the letter for the committee to review.

### SUBSTITUTE MOTION WITHDRAWN

- 03:01:29 Rep. Doane withdrew his motion.

### MOTION WITHDRAWN

- 03:01:33 Sen. Gross withdrew her motion.

### Public comment on all of the morning's discussion thus far

- 03:02:45 Rep. Kipp, HD 15  
03:22:25 Ivan MacDonald, Blackfeet Tribe  
03:23:58 Brandi King, Fort Belknap Indian Community Council

### Committee questions/discussion -- STRC

- 03:28:20 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on the public comments given.  
03:31:23 Rep. Doane asked Rep. Kipp for clarification of his comments regarding the DOJ's jurisdiction over non-natives living on the reservations  
03:32:00 Rep. Doane asked Rep. Kipp to speak to criminal jurisdiction in Indian country.  
03:34:17 Rep. Doane asked Rep. Kipp for clarification on criminal jurisdiction in Indian country.  
03:35:04 Rep. Kipp commented on the importance of early intervention to prevent crimes.  
03:37:21 Ms. O'Leary responded to Rep. Doane's questions on criminal jurisdiction in Indian country.  
03:39:53 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on criminal jurisdiction in Indian country and asked Ms. O'Leary to send information to the committee.  
03:41:15 Ms. Stockwell commented on information that the committee staff will provide on criminal jurisdiction in Indian country.

### SEPTEMBER STRC MEETING FOLLOW UPS

#### Lame Deer Roundabout Construction Project -- Director Mike Tooley, MDT

- 03:42:36 Director Tooley updated the committee on the status of the Lame Deer roundabout construction project.

Questions/discussion -- STRC

- 03:44:46 Rep. Peppers asked what the department will do regarding the truck accidents in the roundabout during this winter.
- 03:47:07 Rep. Peppers commented on an oversized load that recently got stuck in the roundabout.
- 03:48:14 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked about the process of traffic reviews and what research was done to decide the Lame Deer roundabout would be constructed.
- 03:50:24 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on the location of the Lame Deer roundabout and if other options were considered before installing it.
- 03:52:54 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked why a stop light was not considered.
- 03:54:09 Rep. Peppers asked about the pedestrian traffic through the roundabout.
- 03:56:29 Sen. Smith asked if rumble strips are quieter than jake brakes.
- 03:57:07 Sen. Small asked if the hill approaching the roundabout is marked for grade and suggested building an overpass.
- 03:57:51 Rep. Doane asked for the price difference between an overpass and a roundabout.

**Verizon Coverage in Rural Montana -- Trevor Graff, Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Staff**

- 03:58:57 Mr. Graff gave the committee a brief update on changes to Verizon phone coverage in rural portions of the state ([Exhibit 12](#)).

Questions/discussion -- STRC

- 04:05:07 Sen. Smith asked Mr. Graff to comment on the inability to switch coverage from Verizon to T-Mobile with the same number.
- 04:06:06 Sen. Smith asked about commercial companies switching accounts between communication businesses.
- 04:07:00 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked for further information on the issue.
- 04:07:08 Rep. Doane asked if there is a process to encourage cell coverage companies to expand their coverage.
- 04:08:37 Sen. Small asked for clarification on the AT&T coverage maps (see Exhibit 12).
- 04:09:49 Sen. Smith asked for clarification of Nemont and Mid Rivers coverage.

Public comment

None

**LUNCH** (Reconvened at 1:19 p.m.)

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS UPDATE**

**Apprenticeship program grants -- Director Jason Smith**

- 05:15:59 Director Smith updated the committee on the apprenticeship program grants.

**Questions/discussion -- STRC**

- 05:24:12 Rep. Peppers asked if other colleges are considering joining the grant program.
- 05:25:28 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy recommended having the colleges come speak to the committee regarding the grant program.
- 05:25:41 Sen. Gross asked to hear from the colleges implementing health related apprenticeships.
- 05:26:10 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked Ms. Stockwell to communicate with the colleges.

### **Public comment**

05:27:08 Sandra Boham, Salish Kootenai College president

### **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE (EAIC) SJ 20 UNEMPLOYMENT STUDY UPDATE -- Pat Murdo, EAIC staff**

05:30:37 Ms. Murdo updated the committee on the SJ 20 unemployment study work done by the EAIC ([Exhibit 13](#)) and ([Exhibit 14](#)).

### **Questions/discussion -- STRC**

05:52:30 Sen. Small asked where the BIA statistical numbers are from (see Exhibit 14).

05:55:09 Sen. Small asked if there is a suggestion for better measurement.

05:58:33 Rep. Peppers commented on the BIA labor information and research data.

06:00:07 Sen. Hinebauch commented on state ranchers.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

06:01:02 Rep. Peppers left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

06:01:50 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked Ms. Stockwell to speak about the letter the committee is considering in support of S. 1870 and S. 1942.

### **COLSTRIP IMPACT TRAINING GRANT -- Mary Craigle, director, Dept of Labor and Industry Data Projects and Research Initiatives**

06:05:08 Ms. Craigle updated the committee on the Power Grant for affected workers at Colstrip.

### **Questions/discussion for Ms. Craigle -- STRC**

06:12:04 Sen. Small asked for the grant deadline.

06:12:56 Sen. Small asked when the additional grant will be applied if the state qualifies.

06:13:51 Sen. Hinebauch asked where the grant originates, and asked for clarification of the funding numbers and where the funding goes.

06:16:46 Rep. Doane asked for clarification of the funding that goes to Job Services.

06:19:17 Rep. Doane asked if it is up to the individual worker on the training they receive.

06:19:57 Rep. Doane asked if there are limitations on what type of training an individual can receive.

06:21:03 Rep. Doane commented on the limitations of the training available.

06:22:32 Sen. Small commented on the legislative intent behind the grant.

06:24:50 Ms. Craigle responded to Rep. Doane's question regarding training limitations.

06:26:08 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on the grant program and the importance of coal mining to the Crow.

06:27:42 Sen. Hinebauch asked how the grant money is split.

### **Public comment**

None

### **ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF RESERVATIONS TO THE STATE OF MONTANA (REAP REPORT, 2003-2009) -- Mary Craigle, DLI, and Tom Kaiserski, Dept of Commerce**

06:29:44 Ms. Craigle presented on the economic contributions of reservations in the state ([Exhibit 15](#)).

**Questions/discussion -- STRC**

06:39:03 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on the economy between Billings and the Crow Reservation, the option of a private market on reservations, and asked for an updated study on the economic contribution of reservations and private sectors.

**Public comment**

None

**2020 CENSUS PREPARATION AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES**

**Mary Craigle, DLI**

**Tom Kaiserski, Dept of Commerce**

**Gerald Gray, G&G Advertising (by phone)**

06:46:27 Mr. Kaiserski

06:50:32 Ms. Craigle

06:54:31 Mr. Kaiserski

06:58:39 Ms. Craigle

07:05:08 Mr. Kaiserski

07:07:44 Mr. Gray

**Public comment**

07:11:55 Sandra Boham, Salish Kootenai College

**Questions/discussion -- STRC**

07:13:50 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked Mr. Kaiserski and Ms. Craigle to respond to the public comment. Mr. Gray also responded.

07:17:01 Sen. Gross asked if there is a downfall for someone applying to be classified as multiracial.

07:18:12 Sen. Gross commented on the information and data the committee has received.

07:18:30 Sen. Hinebauch asked Ms. Craigle for clarification on the reported data.

07:20:05 Sen. Hinebauch asked Ms. Craigle for clarification of the Census.

07:20:30 Rep. Doane asked Ms. Craigle if there is a process for states to challenge the Census numbers when a recount is done.

07:22:14 Rep. Doane asked if the state were to gain a congressional seat would another state lose one seat.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER NOT CONTAINED IN THIS AGENDA AND THAT IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE STRC**

07:24:15 Sandra Boham, Salish Kootenai College

**OTHER BUSINESS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF**

07:38:50 Rep. Doane commented on committee bill options for criminal jurisdiction in Indian country and recommended a jurisdiction compact commission.

07:42:20 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on Rep. Doane's recommendation for a jurisdiction compact commission and the need to consult with tribal leadership.

07:46:31 Rep. Doane recommended sending a letter to the tribes to pursue the option of a jurisdiction compact commission to resolve the issues of criminal jurisdiction in Indian country.

07:48:08 Sen. Smith commented on Fork Peck's cross deputization agreement and the importance of getting the tribes involved.

07:49:25 Sen. Hinebauch commented on the need to resolve the issue of jurisdiction in Indian country and asked the committee how to approach the issue.  
07:50:10 Rep. Doane recommended having an official conversation with tribes to establish individual jurisdiction compacts with each tribe.  
07:51:57 Sen. Smith commented on the work done in the court system and federal government giving more authority to tribal courts.  
07:52:33 Sen. Small asked for clarification on tribes reaching a memorandum of understanding with law enforcement jurisdictions.  
08:03:38 Rep. Doane commented on the individual tribes' ability to create specific compacts with law enforcement jurisdiction.  
08:05:06 Ms. Stockwell reviewed options the committee could take regarding the issue of criminal jurisdiction in Indian country.  
08:08:30 Committee discussion on options to address the issue of criminal jurisdiction in Indian country.  
08:18:50 For the SJ 3 study, Sen. Gross recommended that the committee consider a bill for cultural programming and a Native American reentry program

#### MOTION

08:20:28 Rep. Doane moved that the committee send a letter reaching out to individual tribes about their interest in having a negotiating team meet with them to address criminal jurisdiction issues in Indian country.

#### DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION

08:21:27 Sen. Small commented on the letter and the negotiating team.

#### SUBSTITUTE MOTION

08:21:47 Sen. Smith made a substitute motion to invite federal law enforcement representatives to the STRC's next meeting to discuss criminal jurisdiction in Indian country.

#### DISCUSSION ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION

08:23:09 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked for clarification of the motion.  
08:24:04 Ms. Stockwell asked for clarification of the motion.  
08:24:48 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration be invited to present to the committee.  
08:25:03 Sen. Gross commented on her support of the substitute motion.  
08:25:25 Ms. Stockwell reviewed the committee's options and recommended allowing staff to invite the requested agencies to the committee's next meeting in lieu of a motion to send a letter.  
08:25:51 Sen. Small commented on his support of the substitute motion.  
08:26:13 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked Ms. Stockwell to remind the committee of its meeting dates and deadlines for committee work.  
08:28:00 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked that the committee set aside time to have a discussion with the federal agencies at the next meeting.  
08:29:26 Sen. Smith asked for clarification of Rep. Stewart-Peregoy's comments.  
08:31:19 Rep. Doane asked if the tribes would be notified of the committee's conversation with federal agencies regarding criminal jurisdiction in Indian country.

### SUBSTITUTE MOTION WITHDRAWN

08:32:11 Sen Smith withdrew his substitute motion.

### MOTION WITHDRAWN

08:32:16 Rep. Doane withdrew his motion

### MOTION

08:32:35 Rep. Doane moved to send an invitation letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration to speak to the committee on criminal jurisdiction in Indian country at the next committee meeting in Great Falls and notify state tribes of the scheduled discussion.

### VOTE

08:33:13 The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

08:33:41 Committee discussion on the motion.

08:34:29 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy reminded the committee action still needs to be completed on recommendations to pursue a bill on cultural programing for SJ 3.

08:34:57 Sen. Gross commented on the discussions on missing persons.

08:35:15 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked Ms. Stockwell to review the recommendations from Ms. Veits on the issue of missing persons in the state.

08:37:59 Sen. Gross commented on the recommendation from Ms. O'Leary.

08:38:28 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy commented on the EAIC's meeting dates and the recommendations made by Ms. Murdo.

### MOTION

08:41:44 Rep. Doane moved to add committee review and discussion of HB 562: *Require agency reporting on financial assistance to tribes* to the next meeting agenda.

### DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION

08:43:00 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked Rep. Doane to speak on HB 562.

08:43:54 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked for clarification of the motion.

08:44:34 Sen. Small asked for clarification of the motion.

08:45:16 Sen. Gross asked to view the language of the bill ([Exhibit 16](#)).

08:45:55 Rep. Doane clarified his motion.

08:46:22 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy recommended placing the bill on the next meeting agenda for review.

### MOTION WITHDRAWN

08:47:37 Rep. Doane withdrew his motion and directed staff to place HB 562 on the agenda for committee review at the next meeting and notify the tribes of the discussion.

08:48:59 Ms. Stockwell asked for clarification on the direction to staff regarding Ms. Veits' recommendations related to missing persons.

08:50:35 Sen. Gross asked Ms. Stockwell if the committee recommendations need to be voted on by the committee and put into a draft bill.

08:51:56 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy asked Ms. Stockwell if a draft bill needs committee action.

08:52:04 Rep. Doane commented on the use of motions for committee work.

08:53:00 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy clarified the committee recommendations and the directions to staff.

08:55:53 Ms. Stockwell restated the recommendations from Ms. Viets.

MOTION

08:57:39 Sen. Gross moved that the committee direct staff to draft committee bills as stated by Ms. Stockwell.

DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION

08:58:13 Rep. Doane asked Ms. Stockwell if she had enough direction from the committee and if the motion will be using staff time efficiently.

VOTE

08:59:11 The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

08:59:57 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy reminded the committee that there still needs to be committee action on the draft letter to Senator Hoeven ([Exhibit 17](#)).

09:02:16 Sen. Gross asked if Sen. Hoeven will still be moving forward with S. 1870.

09:03:20 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy recommended that the committee could revisit the issue at the May meeting.

09:04:33 Rep. Doane commented on S. 1942.

**ADJOURNMENT**

09:05:53 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

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