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AGENDA

Law & Justice Interim Committee

November 15, 2023

State Capitol Building, Room 102

Agenda times are approximate.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

- 9:30** **Call to Order – Roll Call – Rep. Amy Regier, Chair**
- 9:35** **Meeting overview/ administrative matters– Sara Hess, Research Analyst (Tab 1)**
- Review proposed timeline
 - Questions from Committee
- 9:40** **SJ 31: Study of Attorney Regulation and the State Bar (Tab 2)**
- Background and overview – Sara Hess, Research Analyst
 - Stakeholder input - *John Mudd, Executive Director, State Bar of Montana,* and *Bruce Spencer, Lobbyist for State Bar of Montana*
 - Questions from the committee
 - Public Comment*
 - Discussion and next steps
- 10:45** **BREAK**
- 11:00** **Overview of Montana Law Enforcement Academy**
- *Joel Wendland, Executive Director, MLEA*
 - *Will Selph, Chief of Staff, DOJ*
 - Questions from committee
 - Public Comment*
- 11:30** **HB 697: Study of POST Council (Tab 3)**
- Follow-up items from September – *Sara Hess, Research Analyst*

- POST update and overview of report – *Timothy Allred, Executive Director*
- Stakeholder input/Public Comment*
- Questions from Committee
- Discussion and next steps

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Agency Updates** (Tab 4)

- Administrative Rule Review – *Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney*
- Department of Corrections – *Cynthia Wolken, Deputy Director, and executive staff*
- Department of Justice – *Alan Doane*
- Public Comment*
- Questions from Committee
- Discussion and next steps

1:30 **Facial Recognition Technology topic** (Tab 5)

- Outline of study options – *Sara Hess, Research Analyst*
- Public Comment*
- Discussion and next steps

1:45 **Study of Civil and Criminal Commitments (HB 872 Commission request)** (Tab 6)

- Overview of study approach – *Sara Hess, Research Analyst*
- Statutory review of commitment processes – *Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney*
- Options for study direction – *Staff*
- Updates and input from HB 872 Commission
- Public Comment*
- Questions from the committee
- Discussion and next steps

2:45 **BREAK**

3:00 **HB 676 – Revise laws to clarify fundamental parental rights (Committee request)** (Tab 7)

- Review of legislation and legal memo– *Sara Hess, Research Analyst*
- Committee discussion

3:15 **Public comment*** on any item in LJIC’s subject matter jurisdiction (Tab 8)

3:30 **Committee work session**

- Staff to review meeting chart and next steps– *Sara Hess, Research Analyst*
- Interest in field trip to MLEA and Crossroads Correctional Facility

- Other directions to staff?
- **Next meeting date:** Tues.-Wed., February 20-21 -- Helena

4:00 Adjourn

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