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AGENDA

Education Interim Committee
July 22, 2025
Room 422, Montana State Capitol

In the heat of the tightly structured, 90-day session, legislators often identify issues they want to study in more depth. The interim offers you a more measured opportunity to research, meet with subject-matter experts, and listen to the public's perspectives on critical and complex issues. It allows you to define problems, explore alternatives, seek solutions, and propose and test ideas.

"Life After Sine Die"

Note: Agenda times are approximate. Some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated.

Tuesday, July 22

- 1:00 p.m. Call to order – roll call – Senator Emrich
- 1:05 Member and staff introductions
- 1:15 Committee administration - Committee Staff
- Committee background
 - Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committees
 - Committee discussion/adoption of rules
- 1:35 Work plan overview – Committee Staff
- Statutory duties
 - Interim Study Assignment
 - Member-suggested topics
 - Proposed meeting dates
 - Work plan outline
 - Summary of 2025 Legislation (OPI)
- 2:15 Agency/entity introductions and suggestions for work plan
- Board of Public Education – McCall Flynn, Executive Director
 - Board of Regents of Higher Education/Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education – Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education;

and Tyler Trevor, Deputy Commissioner for Budget and Planning and Chief of Staff

- Montana Arts Council – Krys Holmes, Executive Director; Kristin Burgoyne, Deputy Director; and Jenifer Alger, CFO
- Montana State Library (MSL will be present at the Sept meeting)
- Montana Historical Society – Molly Kruckenberg, Director; and Emily McKeever, Administrator
- Office of Public Instruction – Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

- 3:00 Montana Safe Schools Center input on HJ 53 Study of School Safety
- Nancy Berg, Director
 - Christina (Tina) Hayes, Training/Technical Assistance Specialist
 - Tammy Tolleson Knew, School Support Liaison
- 3:15 Stakeholder and public comment on committee work plan
- 3:45 Work plan discussion
- How does the committee wish to fulfill its statutory duties?
 - What other topics does the committee wish to explore and to what degree?
 - Adopt meeting dates
 - Direction to staff for work plan revision
- 4:15 Public comment on any other topic within the committee's jurisdiction
- 4:30 Election of committee presiding officers
- 4:40 Compensation and SB 64 changes – Maia Zelenak, Legislative Financial Office
- 4:55 Wrap up – next meeting date and agenda items – adjourn

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