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AGENDA

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January 22, 2026

State Capitol Building, Room 102

Agenda times are approximate.

- 9:00** **Call to Order – Roll Call** – Senator Forrest Mandeville, Presiding Officer
- 9:05** **HJ 28: Panel with state agencies on federal and state grants**
1. Panel members:
 - Agriculture: Jim Auer – Ag Development Section Manager
 - Board of Crime Control: Kayla Bragg – Director & Criselda De La Cruz – Grant Program Supervisor
 - Commerce: Melissa Herrera – Housing Program Executive & Stephanie Crider-Pridemore – Operations Manager
 - DEQ: Denise Kelly – Chief Financial Officer
 - Higher Ed: Nicole Motzer – Director of the Office of Research Development, MSU & Scott Whittenburg – Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship, UM
 - MDT: Mitch Buthod – Planning & Modal Transportation Bureau Chief
 - OPI: Dr. Julie Murgel – Chief Program Officer
 2. Public comment*
 3. Questions from the committee
- 11:00** **Break**
- 11:15** **HJ 28: Panel with Tribal Government representatives on federal and state grants**
1. Panel members:
 - Blackfoot Nation: Mitzi Racine – Grant Writer & Tribal Consultant
 - Crow Nation: Invited – Unable to attend
 - CSKT: Jordan Thompson – Executive Officer (Tentative)
 - Fort Belknap Community: Invited – Unable to attend
 - Fort Peck Tribes: Invited – Unable to attend
 - Montana Little Shell Chippewa Tribe: Invited – Unable to attend
 - Northern Cheyenne Tribe: Invited – Unable to attend
 - Chippewa Cree Tribe: Neal Rosette – Planning and Development Director

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- 12:15 HJ 28: Federal grants multistate comparison** – Maxwell Parson, Research Analyst
1. Public comment*
 2. Questions from the committee
- 12:45 Lunch**
- 2:00 HJ 28: Panel with local government representatives on federal and state grants**
1. Panel members:
 - Gail Leeper – Mayor – City of Drummond
 - Holly Phelps – City Manager – City of Lewistown
 - Jennifer Olson – Government Affairs Director – Montana League of Cities and Towns
 - Kristen Galbraith – Director of Grants & Special Projects – Park County
 - Melissa Gordon – Director of Grants & Community Resources Department – Missoula County
 - Robin Wight – Clerk – City of Drummond
 - Sandra Jones – Mayor – City of Roundup
 2. Public comment*
 3. Questions from the committee
- 4:00 Committee Work Session**
1. Interim timeline overview – Maxwell Parson, Research Analyst
 2. Potential legislation brainstorming
 3. Public comment*
 4. Questions from the committee
- 4:30 Public comment*** on any item in LGIC’s subject matter jurisdiction
- 4:45 Wrap up and adjournment**

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