



State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee

69th Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

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February 10, 2026

9:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Room 102 and Zoom

Please note: All times and agenda items are subject to change

9:00 a.m.

STRC Call to Order, Roll Call, Prayer & Welcome

- Rep. Tyson Running Wolf, Chair

9:10

Staff Updates

- Dr. Casey Pallister, Lead Staff

9:20

Tribal Representatives Panel Discussion on State-Tribal Consultation

Introduction

- Dr. Casey Pallister

Panelists

- Delina Cuts the Rope (Assiniboine and Gros Ventre), Planning Director, Fort Belknap Indian Community
- Tony Incashola, Jr. (Confederated Salish & Kootenai), Director of Tribal Resource Management, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
- Kathryn McDonald (Confederated Salish & Kootenai), Tribal Relations Specialist, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
- Steve Small, Jr. (Northern Cheyenne), Chief Appellate and Chief Constitutional Judge, Northern Cheyenne Appellate and Constitutional Courts
- Jacob Stops (Crow), Director of Grants and Contracts, Crow Tribal Council
- Jordan Thompson (Confederated Salish & Kootenai), Attorney and former Executive Director, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
- Len Two Teeth, (Confederated Salish & Kootenai) Board of Directors, Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, Council Member, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal Council
- Frank White Clay (Crow), Chairman, Crow Tribal Council
- Public comment

- Committee questions, discussion
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 **Oregon's "Task Force on Tribal Consultation"**
- Shawna McConville Radford, Tribal Affairs Director, Oregon Governor's Office
 - Patrick Flanagan, Executive Director, Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Affairs
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion
- 2:00 **Update from the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Team at University of Montana**
- Dr. Kelly J. Dixon, Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Montana
 - Lisa Hunt, PhD Candidate, NAGPRA-Repatriation Specialist and THPO Liaison Team Leader, University of Montana
 - Courtney Little Axe, NAGPRA-Repatriation Coordinator, Collections Manager, University of Montana
 - Dr. Nikki Manning, Repatriation and Preservation Compliance Specialist, University of Montana
 - Mikalen Running Fisher, PhD Student, Blackfeet Historic Preservation Office Liaison, Collections and Repatriation Specialist, University of Montana
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion
- 2:30 **Dept. of Labor & Industry Update: Trades, Certification, and Outreach**
- Alicia Doney, Tribal Youth Outreach Coordinator, Dept. of Labor & Industry
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion
- 3:00 **SJ 29 Study: The Meadowlark Initiative**
- Tressie White, Program Director, The Meadowlark Initiative, Montana Healthcare Foundation
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion
- 3:30 **Update on MMIP Education**
- Dr. Casey Pallister, Lead Staff

- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

3:45

Member Topic: Racial Profiling & Montana Statute 44-2-117

- Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

4:00

Committee Work Session

- Meeting summary (Dr. Casey Pallister)
- Committee discussion and instructions for staff
- April travel meeting preview (Dr. Casey Pallister)
- Public comment

4:30

Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the STRC

4:45

Adjourn