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# State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee

## 59th Montana Legislature

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## AGENDA

23 January 2006

### Room 172 State Capitol Building

- 10 AM **Welcome and review of agenda**, Chairman Jonathan Windy Boy
- 10:15 - 10:45 AM **American Indian Student Achievement**  
Susan Ockert, Department of Commerce  
Christopher Lohse, Office of Research and Policy Analysis  
Denise Juneau, Montana Office of Public Instruction
- 10:45 - 11:45 AM **Status of Higher Education**  
Ellen Swaney, Office of the State Commissioner of Higher Education
- 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM **Indian Education for All / GAIN Council**  
Reno Charette, Indian Affairs State Coordinator  
Jan Lombardi, Governor's Education Adviser
- 12:15 - 1:15 PM **LUNCH** (on your own)
- 1:15 - 2:15 PM **Native Energy Group (NEG)**  
Overview of NEG's work, Joseph D'Arrigo, President and CEO  
Work with Fort Peck Tribes, Dennis Lambert, Senior VP  
Screening Process and Methods, Tony Johnson, Geologist and engineer  
Financial strengths, Raj Nanvaan, CFO
- 2:15 - 2:45 PM **Gaming in Indian Country**  
Kermit Horn, Fort Belknap Tribal Councilman
- 2:45 - 3:30 PM **Staff review of ongoing studies of economic development**  
Susan Ockert, Economist, Department of Commerce  
Christopher Lohse, Office of Research and Policy Analysis  
TBA, Department of Labor, Research and Policy Division
- 3:30 - 4:00 PM **Dynamics of state Correctional system**

Bill Slaughter, Department of Corrections  
Anna Whiting Sorrell, Governor's Office  
Staff updates

4:00 - 4:30 PM

**Public Comment**

4:30 - 5:00 PM

**Administrative functions**

State-Tribal tax agreements, Anna Whiting Sorrell,  
Governor's Budget Office  
Status of Senator O'Neil's request  
Cooperative research agreements with tribal colleges  
Letter to Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board  
Staff outline of work plan for remainder of interim

**ACTION ITEM**

Approval of spring plans for second reservation visit

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