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LONG-RANGE PLANNING INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEE

67th Montana Legislature

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Jim Hamilton
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Katy Callon - Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Alexis Newcomer - Secretary
Christine Hultin - OBPP Staffer

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Room 137
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Sen Cary Smith (R)
Rep Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep Sue Vinton (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst
Alexis Newcomer, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

08:03:20 Rep. Mike Hopkins called the meeting to order.

Section F Overview and 2025 Biennium Budget Proposal Highlights:

08:04:41 Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD), presented overview and proposal highlights

08:15:32 Sen Cuffe asked for further explanation concerning funding

08:16:09 Rep Hamilton asked about linking programs to bill numbers for easier reference

08:17:01 Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst LFD, continued presentation

08:21:49 Sen Cuffe requested further clarification between actual and projected numbers

08:32:44 Rep Vinton asked where more details on proposed funding expenditures for certain projects could be found

08:33:21 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP), responded

08:34:46 Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst LFD, started introducing funding programs and connected offices

08:5:20 Russ Katherman, Administrator Architecture and Engineering Division of Department of Administration (DOA) introduced Governor's proposed budget

08:37:51 Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst LFD, continued presentation

08:39:25 Bonnie Rouse, Manager of State Building and Energy Conservation Program

08:40:51 Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst LFD, continued presentation

08:44:19 Jason Harlow, OBPP, offered additional comments

08:44:58 Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst LFD, continued presentation

08:55:39 Lindsay Volpe, Manager of Renewable Resource Grants and Loan Program

08:56:23 Heidi Anderson Fohnagy, Reclamation and Development Grants Program

08:56:56 Anna Miller, Deputy Administrator Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

- 09:01:07 Sen Cuffe asked for a brief recap of what the ARPA water project and infrastructure committee accomplished
- 09:01:50 Autumn Coleman, Resource Development Bureau Chief at DNRC, responded
- 09:05:33 Sen Cuffe asked additional questions about the timeline of completed projects
- 09:07:25 Rep Vinton requested clarification on appropriated and proposed funding
- 09:08:59 Anna Miller, Deputy Administrator DNRC, clarified funding types
- 09:10:01 Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst LFD, continued presentation
- 09:17:34 Renee Lemon, Administrator for Community Division of Department of Commerce
- 09:19:35 Sen Cuffe requested report on applications submitted in the previous session for results
- 09:20:49 Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst LFD, continued presentation
- 09:24:30 Kristen Burgoyne, Cultural and Aesthetics Grants Program
- 09:25:14 Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst LFD, presented navigation tools for committee webpage

Legislative Audit Division

- 09:28:53 Jen Erdahl, Financial Compliance Audit Manager, Legislative Audit Division (LAD), provided introduction to audit division and overview
- 09:32:37 Miki Cestnik, Information Systems Audit Manager LAD, provided introduction to technology audits

Public Comment

- 09:35:13 None.

Break

- 09:35:43 Reconvened at 10:05:11

Revenue Presentations

- 10:05:40 Megan Moore, Research Analyst with Legislative Services Division (LSD), presented Revenue Interim Committee report
- 10:11:49 Susie Lindsay and Sam Schaefer, LFD Analysts
- 10:14:53 Sen Lang requested navigation to documents online

- 10:15:37 Sam Schaefer, Lead Revenue Analyst LFD, presented revenue estimate overview
- 10:23:57 Susie Lindsay, Lead Fiscal Analyst LFD, presented general funds overview
- 10:32:02 Julia Pattin, Fiscal Analyst LFD, presented property tax interactive tool
- 10:52:39 Sen Cuffe asked if data could be broken down to individual districts
- 10:54:50 Nick Van Brown, Lead Data Analyst LFD, presented local government interactive tool
- 11:08:27 Sen Cuffe asked if sales tax mentioned was a tourism tax for West Yellowstone and how has the implementation of the tax affected that region/district

Committee Business

- 11:11:23 Katy Callon, LFD, covered next steps for committee

Public Comment

- 11:13:27 None.

Adjournment

- 11:15:03 Rep Hopkins adjourned the meeting.