



LONG-RANGE PLANNING INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEE

67th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

June 15, 2022

Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Katy Callon, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Alexis Newcomer, Secretary
Christine Hultin, OBPP Staffer

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

10:05:45 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

INFLATION & SUPPLY CHAIN/DELIVERY CONSTRUCTION ISSUES - EXAMPLES, OPTIONS (A&E,OBPP) PROGRAM IMPACTS:

10:06:57 Russ Katherman, Administrator, Department of Administration ([Exhibit 1](#))

Committee Discussions and Questions

10:12:51 Rep. Hamilton asked Mr. Katherman about materials and labor reflected in inflation data.

10:14:59 Rep. Hamilton asked Mr. Katherman about projects being bid and the split of labor and materials.

10:22:52 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. Katherman if project managers and contractors stay in contact with suppliers to track costs.

10:24:25 Rep. Vinton commented on suppliers not showing customers inventory they do not currently have in stock.

10:37:57 Rep. Hamilton asked Mr. Katherman about responsibility for project material storage.

BUY AMERICA/BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECTS WITH FEDERAL FUNDING –IMPACTS TO PROJECTS & TIMELINES (DNRC, A&E)

10:44:26 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation ([Exhibit 2](#))

Committee Discussions and Questions

11:01:15 Rep. Hamilton asked Ms. Miller about dry red systems and funding for the central water project.

11:02:51 Rep. Vinton asked Ms. Miller about flood damage to water systems and requested the committee discuss resources available to constituents.

MCEP

11:06:39 Renee Lemon, Administrator, Community MT Division within DOC

Committee Discussions and Questions

11:09:47 Rep. Hamilton asked Ms. Lemon about awarding money to projects and partial project money being awarded.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

11:11:33 Rep. Vinton commented on flooding in Montana and the impact of flooding on availability for contractors. Rep. Vinton requested feedback and discussion on the topic.

11:13:03 Ms. Miller explained DRNC's emergency funds.

BREAK (reconvene at 11:36:28)

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

11:37:25 Rep. Hamilton commented on Military Affairs involvement and requested to hear from Military Affairs.

11:37:52 Mr. Harlow provided an update on information that will be provided by DES.

11:38:07 Rep. Hopkins requested to speak about flooding information received by the committee in the next committee meeting.

BUY AMERICA/BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECTS WITH FEDERAL FUNDING –IMPACTS TO PROJECTS & TIMELINES (DNRC, A&E)

11:39:37 Russ Katherman, Administrator, Department of Administration ([Exhibit 3](#) begins on page 18)

Public Comment

None.

UPDATE ON FUNDRAISING PROGRESS FOR NON-STATE FUNDS/DONATIONS (A&E)

ARPA Communications & Infrastructure Commission Updates (Director Mendenhall, Broadband Update – Director Giles, DOA)

11:57:20 Autumn Coleman, Resource Development Bureau Chief, DNRC ([Exhibit 4](#))
12:20:14 Russ Katherman, Administrator, Department of Administration
12:21:10 Renee Lemon, Administrator, Department of Commerce
12:22:56 Misty Giles, Director, Department of Administration

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Update – Funding & Guidance (OBPP, Agency Updates including: Broadband Update – Director Giles, DOA, & Regional Water Systems - DNRC)

12:24:24 Amy Sassano, OBPP

Committee Discussions and Questions

12:31:00 Rep. Vinton asked Ms. Sassano about programs that could apply to rivers and streams with trout.

ARPA COMMUNICATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION UPDATES (DIRECTOR MENDENHALL, BROADBAND UPDATE – DIRECTOR GILES, DOA)

12:33:25 Misty Giles, Director, Department of Administration ([Exhibit 5](#))
12:39:24 Deputy Director Scott Mendenhall, Department of Revenue

Brief Updates on Program Grant Requests for Next Biennium

12:44:10 Autumn Coleman, DNRC ([Exhibit 6](#)) ([Exhibit 7](#))
12:50:47 Renee Lemon, Department of Commerce ([Exhibit 8](#))

Committee Discussions and Questions

12:53:13 Rep. Hamilton asked Ms. Lemon about grant match requirements.
12:53:56 Rep. Hamilton asked Ms. Lemon about differences in project contribution match totals. ([Exhibit 9](#))

Lunch (reconvene at 1:34:06)

MHPG Program Discussion (LFD & Commerce)

13:34:10 Katy Callon, Legislative Fiscal Division ([Exhibit 10](#))
13:39:15 Tash Wisemiller, Department of Commerce ([Exhibit 11](#))

Committee Discussions and Questions

- 13:55:25 Rep. Hamilton asked Mr. Wisemiller about for-profit with non-profit impact data.
- 13:58:37 Rep. Hamilton asked Mr. Wisemiller about specific data examples in the grant applications spreadsheet.
- 14:00:22 Rep. Hamilton asked about qualifications for non-profits.
- 14:01:43 Rep Vinton commented on qualifications for non-profits.
- 14:02:49 Rep. Hopkins commented on the committee's decision process and the timeline of possible action.
- 14:05:06 Rep. Hamilton commented on the application process.

C&A Administration Costs (LFD, MAC)

- 14:11:31 Katy Callon, Legislative Fiscal Division ([Exhibit 12](#))
- 14:25:37 Tatiana Gant, Director, Montana Arts Council

Committee Discussions and Questions

- 14:30:51 Rep. Hamilton asked Ms. Gant for an explanation of grant programs provided by Montana Arts Council
- 14:37:44 Rep. Hamilton asked Ms. Alger about the national endowment program match requirements.

MARA INFRASTRUCTURE MODEL – DATA SOURCES, DEVELOPMENT, CURRENT STATUS, NEXT STEPS (LFD)

- 14:40:41 Katy Callon, Legislative Fiscal Division ([Exhibit 13](#)) ([Exhibit 14](#))
- 14:47:11 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division
- 14:55:10 Katy Callon, Legislative Fiscal Division

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 15:07:07 Dan Rostad, Big Timber.

ADJOURNMENT

- 15:11:13 Rep. Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 15:11 PM.