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MINUTES LOG

September 14, 2023
 Room 152
 Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)

Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Rep. Bob Keenan (R)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)

STAFF PRESENT:

Director Amy Carlson, LFD
Julie Johnson, Attorney
Grace Gibney, Secretary

AGENDA [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

08:37:19 Representative Llew Jones called the meeting to order.
08:37:29 Secretary took roll.

2025 BIENNIUM FISCAL REPORT:

08:40:45 Director Amy Carlson, Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) gave an updated overview of the 2025 Biennium Fiscal Report.
09:02:15 Representative Mary Caferro joined the meeting.

FYE 2023 REPORT OVERVIEW:

- 09:25:30 Susie Lindsay, Communications Director, (LFD)
- 08:00:00 Sam Schaefer, Lead Revenue Analyst, (LFD) continued to discuss the fiscal report.

RECAP OF FEDERAL STIMULUS APPROPRIATIONS AND SPENDING:

- 10:25:05 Quinn Holzer, Deputy Director, Legislative Fiscal Division, (LFD)
- 10:31:58 Katy Callon, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD) discussed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act federal funding and other grant programs across the state.

GOVERNORS OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING:

- 10:37:14 Assistant Director Ryan Evans, Office of Budget, and Program Planning, (OBPP) gave an overview of OBPP budget and an update on the Governors 'Debt Free in 23' plan.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 11:10:08 Representative Terry Moore gave an update on Section A General Government subcommittee.
- 11:14:09 Representative Bob Keenan gave an update on Section B Department of Health and Human Services subcommittee.
- 11:18:19 Representative Jerry Schillinger gave an update on Section C Natural Resources and Transportation subcommittee.
- 11:22:11 Representative Bill Mercer gave an update on Section D Public Safety subcommittee.
- 11:33:39 Representative David Bedey gave an update on Section E Education subcommittee.
- 11:47:53 Representative Mike Hopkins gave an update on Section F Long Range Planning subcommittee. Montana Heritage Preservation Grant Program: FYE 2023 Fund Balance Reports
- 11:50:23 Senator John Esp gave an update on HB 5 Select Committee on Corrections Facility Capacity and System Development.
- 11:52:09 Representative Bob Keenan gave and update on HB 872 Behavioral Health System for Future Generations subcommittee.
- 11:59:06 Representative Llew Jones gave an update on the Modernization and Risk Analysis (MARA) committee. Interest in land grants was less than HJ 2 projections in the fiscal year 2024 in the biennium less than 1 year away from lesson yesterday

LUNCH:

12:16:56 Reconvened at 01:03:48

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION:

01:04:09 Hunter McClure, Senior Information Systems Auditor, Legislative Audit Division, (LAD) discussed eGovernment Series 2: Accountability.

01:25:44 Kevin Gilbertson, Chief Information Officer, State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD) presented a summary and overview of Statewide IT Policy Issues.

COMMITTEE WORKPLAN, BUDGET REVIEW, GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

02:04:09 Director Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, (LFD)

02:04:53 Assistant Director Quinn Holzer, (LFD) gave an overview of HB 424 State Budget

02:06:44 Director Amy Carlson, (LFD) gave an overview of HB 872 committee.

02:12:53 Sam Schaefer, Lead Revenue Analyst, (LFD) discussed revenue work project updates.

02:28:31 Joe Triem, Assistant Director, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD) gave an overview of Legislative Council and Space needs. HB 856

02:54:43 Sam Schaefer, Lead Revenue Analyst, (LFD) discussed SJ4 and Financial Fiduciary Analysis on pensions.

03:03:05 Rep. Llew Jones appointed Sen. Tom McGillvray, Rep. Terry Moore, Rep. Eric Matthew and Rep. Jim Hamilton to a committee on pensions.

03:06:44 Director Amy Carlson discussed vision for the Legislative Fiscal Division going forward and changes to HB110 Interim Budget Committees. HB 140 MARA Significant change to Legislative Finance Act.

BREAK: Reconvened at 03:32:26

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- 03:46:43 Representative Llew Jones announced memo on Housing Authority.
- 03:47:00 Director Amy Carlson discussed spreadsheet on Item D.
- 04:20:16 Committee voted on adoption of the workplan by roll call vote 9 voting yes, 3 voting no.

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS:

- 04:22:40 Director Amy Carlson introduced new LFD staff members to the committee.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 04:25:52 Joe Triem and Director Amy Carlson presented Tami Gunlock with 20-year pin.
- 04:27:09 Quinn Holzer and Director Amy Carlson presented Walker Hopkins with 5-year pin.
- 04:28:15 Director Amy Carlson, (LFD) announced Joe Triem appointed secretary of National Association of Legislative Fiscal Offices and Nick VanBrown invited speaker at executive meeting August 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 04:29:58 Rep. Llew Jones called for public comment. None was heard.

ADJOURNMENT:

- 04:31:14 Chair Llew Jones adjourned the meeting.