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Education Interim Budget Committee Agenda Wednesday September 18th, 2024 State Capitol Room 102

Note: Agenda times are approximate. Some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated.

- 8:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
- 8:05 a.m. Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alexandra Ghosh, LFD
 - Follow-up on Interpreter Programs & Funding Sources – Paul Furthmyre, Superintendent, MSDB
 - Public comment
- 9:00 a.m. Board of Public Education
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alexandra Ghosh, LFD
- 9:30 a.m. Montana State Library
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alexandra Ghosh, LFD
 - Update on the Hot Spot Program – Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
 - Update on funding for the Montana State Reference Network – Evan Hammer, Digital Library Administrator, MSL
- 10:00 a.m. Montana Arts Council
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alexandra Ghosh, LFD
- 10:15 a.m. Montana Historical Society
- Quarterly Financial Report – Kurt Swimley, LFD

- 10:30 a.m. Input from tribal colleges on the HiSET Program
- Aaniiih Nakoda College – Kim Barrows, Dean of Students
 - BlackFeet Community College – Brad Hall, President
 - Chief Dull Knife College – Bill Briggs, Dean of Academic Affairs
 - Fort Peck Community College – Roxann Smith, Lead HiSET Examiner & Native American Studies Instructor
 - Little Bighorn College – Patricia Whiteman, Dean of Students and Jennifer Morsette, HiSET Coordinator
 - Salish Kootenai College – Rene Kittle, Director of the Department of Academic Success and Kimberly Barber, HiSET Examiner
 - Stone Child College – Marquita Jilot, Dean of Student Support Services
- 11:45 a.m. Public Comment
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Commissioner of Higher Education
- Quarterly Financial Report – Kurt Swimley, LFD
 - Report on Foreign Countries of Concern (HB 946) – Shauna Lyons, MUS Director of Budget and Planning, OCHE
 - Update on the One-Two-Free Program – Shauna Lyons, MUS Director of Budget and Planning, OCHE
- 1:30 p.m. Administrative Services Study
- Cost-Savings Analysis – Julia Pattin, LFD

- 2:00 p.m. Office of Public Instruction
- Quarterly Financial Report – Julia Pattin, LFD
 - Update on Covid-19 funding – April Grady, Chief Financial Officer, OPI and Wendi Fawns, Director of ESSER, OPI
 - World Language Proficiency Accreditation Standards Economic Impact Statement – Dr. Julie Murgel, Chief Program Officer, OPI and Marie Judisch, Teaching & Learning Senior Manager, OPI
 - Update on Teacher Licensure
 - Revenue and Expenditures for the Teacher MT System – Dr. Julie Murgel, Chief Program Officer, OPI and Crystal Andrews, Accreditation & Licensure Director, OPI
 - Detail on costs and revenue for FY 2024 and year to date for FY 2025
 - Detail on projected costs and revenue for the 2027 Biennium
 - Potential alternative licensing system – DLI
 - HB 367 – OPI Database Modernization – Julia Caro, Data Operations Senior Manager, OPI
 - August Database Modernization Report
 - Potential contract modification to meet HB 367 data requirements
 - Projected ongoing costs for operations and maintenance for PowerSchool and Infinite Campus state edition
 - Update on implementation of education-related legislation
 - Funding education for children receiving inpatient treatment of serious emotional disturbances at qualifying facilities (HB 171) – April Grady, Chief Financial Officer, OPI and Paul Taylor, School Finance Manager, OPI
 - Indian Education for All (HB 338) – Christy Mock-Stutz, Assistant Superintendent, OPI
 - Public Charter Schools (HB 549) – Christy Mock-Stutz, Assistant Superintendent, OPI
- 4:00 p.m. Report on the Governor’s Property Tax Advisory Council – Chair Bedey
- 4:15 p.m. Review (and possible action) for committee bill drafts – Pad McCracken, LSD
- PD 54 – countywide BASE mill equalization
 - PD 57 – modifying the school funding formula to address inflation, starting teacher pay, student achievement, and housing costs
 - PD 53 – modifications to the decennial study
 - PD 56 – school facilities funding
- 5:00 p.m. Committee discussion
- Work plan
- 5:15 p.m. Public comment
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn