69th LEGISLATIVE SESSION – 2025

EDUCATION

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

As of *February 19, 2025*

Representative David Bedey, Chairman
Representative Brad Barker
Representative Llew Jones
Representative Connie Keogh
Representative Eric Matthews

Senator John Fuller, Vice-Chairman
Senator Matt Regier
Senator Jonathan Windy Boy

Room: 472 State Capitol
Unless otherwise noted below

Standard Time:
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, Mon
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, Tues – Fri (except as noted)

Clerk:
Caitlyn Sena (444-4709)
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Jadean O'Neil

LFD Staff:
Julia Pattin (444-4322)
Kurt Swimley (444-5380)
Alexandra Ghosh (444-0077)

OBPP Representatives:
Nancy Hall (444-4899)
Ben Ternes (444-3191)

**** Agencies Under This Subcommittee ****

Board of Public Education
Commissioner of Higher Education
Montana Arts Council
Montana Historical Society
Montana State Library
Office of Public Instruction
School for the Deaf and Blind

Except as noted, this schedule deals with hearings and executive action on HB 2.
Some items may take more or less time than allotted and the overall schedule is subject to change.
Check this schedule often for the latest updates.

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Leg. Day	Weekday	Date	Tentative Schedule Topic / Agency	LFD Analyst
1	Mon	01/06	No Subcommittee Meeting	
2	Tues	01/07	No Subcommittee Meeting	
3	Wed	01/08	**Budget Hearing** – Budgetary starting point and subcommittee organization **Public comment** – Budgetary starting point	All staff
4	Thurs	01/09	**Executive Action** – Budgetary Starting Point **Budget Hearing** – Montana State Library (MSL) **Public comment** – MSL	All staff

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5	Fri	01/10	**Budget Hearing** – Montana State Library **Public comment** – MSL	Julia Pattin
6	Mon	01/13	**Budget Hearing** – Montana State Library **Public comment** – MSL	Julia Pattin
7	Tues	01/14	**9:00 a.m. Work Session** – Office of Public Instruction (OPI): K-12 Budget Training and MARA Data Tools Presentation	Julia Pattin Pad McCracken (LSD)
8	Wed	01/15	**Budget Hearing** – Office of Public Instruction: State Level Activities and Montana Digital Academy (MTDA) **Public comment** – OPI and MTDA	Julia Pattin
9	Thurs	01/16	**Executive Action** – Montana State Library Rates **Budget Hearing** – Office of Public Instruction: Local Education Activities **Public comment** – OPI	Julia Pattin
10	Fri	01/17	No Subcommittee Meeting	
11	Mon	01/20	No Subcommittee Meeting	
12	Tues	01/21	**Budget Hearing** – Office of Public Instruction – Local Education Activities **Public comment** – OPI	Julia Pattin
13	Wed	01/22	**Budget Hearing –** Office of Public Instruction – Local Education Activities **Public comment** – OPI	Julia Pattin
14	Thurs	01/23	**Work Session** – Montana State Library and Office of Public Instruction	Julia Pattin
15	Fri	01/24	No Subcommittee Meeting	
16	Mon	01/27	**Budget Hearing** – Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE): Administration Program, Student Assistance Program, Guaranteed Student Loan Program, Board of Regents, MUS Group Insurance Program, MUS Workers' Compensation Program, Education Outreach and Diversity Program, Workforce Development Program **Public comment** – OCHE	Kurt Swimley
17	Tues	01/28	**Budget Hearing** – Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education: Community College Assistance, Tribal College Assistance Program, Research and Development Agencies **Public comment** – OCHE	Kurt Swimley
18	Wed	01/29	**8:30 a.m. Joint Budget Hearing with Section F (Room 472)** – Long Range Building Program (LRBP) and Long Range Information Technology Program (LRITP) projects: Montana University System, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Office of Public Instruction, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, and Montana Historical Society **Public comment** – LRBP and LRITP projects	All staff
19	Thurs	01/30	**Budget Hearing** – Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education: Appropriation Distribution Program, MUS Education Units **Public comment** – OCHE	Kurt Swimley

20	Fri	01/31	**Budget Hearing** – Office of Public Instruction: Proprietary Funds and Montana State Library: Program Breakout **Public comment** – OPI & MSL **Executive Action** – Office of Public Instruction: Proprietary Rates **Executive Action** – Montana State Library: Program Breakout	Julia Pattin Alexandra Ghosh
21	Mon	02/03	**Work Session** – Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education: Shared Policy Goals	Kurt Swimley
22	Tues	02/04	**Work Session** – Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education	Kurt Swimley
23	Wed	02/05	**Budget Hearing** – Board of Public Education (BPE) **Budget Hearing** – Montana Arts Council (MAC) **Public comment** – BPE and MAC	Alexandra Ghosh
24	Thurs	02/06	No Subcommittee Meeting	
25	Fri	02/07	No Subcommittee Meeting	
26	Mon	02/10	**Budget Hearing** – Montana Historical Society (MHS) **Public comment** – MHS	Kurt Swimley
27	Tues	02/11	**Budget Hearing** – Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB) **Public comment** – MSDB	Alexandra Ghosh
28	Wed	02/12	No Subcommittee Meeting	
29	Thurs	02/13	No Subcommittee Meeting	
30	Fri	02/14	**Executive Action** – Board of Public Education, Montana Arts Council, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, Montana State Library	All staff
31	Mon	02/17	No Subcommittee Meeting	
32	Tues	02/18	**Executive Action** – Office of Public Instruction	All staff
33	Wed	02/19	**Executive Action** – Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana Historical Society	All staff
34	Thurs	02/20	**10:00 a.m. Executive Action**	All staff
35	Fri	02/21	**Executive Action (if needed)**	All staff