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REVISED TENTATIVE AGENDA--REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Thursday and Friday, February 7 and 8, 2008
Room 137, State Capitol, Helena, MT

Thursday, February 7, 2008
3 p.m. following subcommittee meetings

Agenda times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than is indicated.
Public comment follows each agenda item.

- 3:00 1. Call to order--roll call--**Sen. Jim Peterson, committee chair**
- 3:05 2. Tax increment finance districts--issues and rules
- a. Department of Revenue authority to adopt rules--**Lee Heiman, staff attorney**
 - b. Tax increment finance districts
 - i. background on tax increment finance districts--**Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns**
 - ii. boundary changes--**Bruce McCandless, assistant city administrator, Billings, and Chris Behan, director, Urban Renewal, Missoula**
 - iii. base year taxable value--**Colleen Balzarini, fiscal services director, Great Falls**
 - c. Department of Revenue
 - d. public comment
- 5:00 3. Department of Revenue reports--**Dan Bucks, director, DOR**
- a. update on property tax settlement with PPL Montana
 - b. tax compliance efforts
 - c. status of \$400 property tax rebate
 - d. progress reports on Orion property tax computer system and property reappraisal
 - e. other reports
 - f. public comment
4. Public comment on topics within the purview of the committee
5. Recess until Friday morning

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Friday, February 8, 2008, 8:30 a.m.
Room 137, State Capitol

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- 8:30 1. Call to order -- roll call-- approval of December 6 and 7, 2007, committee meeting minutes--**Sen. Jim Peterson, committee chair**
- 8:35 2. Subcommittee reports
- a. SJR 31 subcommittee--**Sen. Bob Story, subcommittee chair**
 - b. HB 488 subcommittee--**Sen. Kim Gillan, subcommittee chair**
 - c. public comment
- 9:00 3. HJR 61 study of state income tax conformity with federal income tax law (part 1)
- a. review of federal conformity issues--**Jeff Martin, committee staff**
 - b. alternative legal theories on conformity--2-year delegation of authority to Department of Revenue--**Lee Heiman**
 - c. public comment
 - d. committee discussion and recommendations

BREAK

- 10:30 4. HJR 61 study (part 2)--update on recodifying certain provisions of individual and corporation income tax law--**Lee Heiman**
- a. public comment
- 10:50 5. House Bill 9 from May 2007 Special Session
- a. update on lawsuit challenging determination of relief multiple--**Lee Heiman**
 - b. discussion of factors that may be considered in determining whether to recommend changes to the property tax income tax credit relief multiple--**Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division**
 - c. public comment
- 11:30 6. Administrative rule review--**Lee Heiman**
- a. public comment

LUNCH BREAK

- 1:00 7. Montana Department of Transportation relations with local governments
- a. Escrow accounts for internal cost allocation, delay of projects, and local government certification--**Ed Ullendalen, city commissioner, Billings, Bruce Bender, chief administrative officer, Missoula**
 - b. Montana Department of Transportation--**Jim Lynch, director, MDT**
 - c. public comment

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- 2:00 8. Montana Department of Transportation reports--**Jim Lynch, director, MDT**
- a. update on ethanol production tax credits
 - b. MDT prioritization of highway projects in 2008
 - c. Update on Highway 2
 - d. public comment
- 4:00 9. Consider requesting bill draft to clarify distribution of certain motor vehicle revenue (related to HB 737 from 2007 regular session)--**Lee Heiman**
10. Agenda items for April 17-18 committee meeting--**Jeff Martin**
11. Other business--member issues--confirm next meeting--instructions to staff
12. Adjourn

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