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TENTATIVE AGENDA
STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE
October 19, 2007 Room 102, State Capitol

Friday, 10/19

1:00 p.m.

- Call meeting to order; roll call: Rep. Franke Wilmer, Presiding Officer
- 1:01 Approve minutes from the June 21, 2007, meeting
- 1:05 Post Deployment Health Reassessment Program (PDHRA) and *Report*:
- Joe Foster, Administrator, Veterans' Affairs Division, MT Department of Military Affairs (Mr. Foster chaired the PDHRA Task Force)
 - MG Randy Mosley, Adj. Gen. and Director, MT Department of Military Affairs (Gen. Mosley commissioned the PDHRA Task Force.) -- invited
 - LTC Scott Smith, Montana Army National Guard
- 2:15 PDHRA Program and *Report* (continued)
- Matt Kuntz, Helena, family of veteran who served in Iraq/Afghanistan
 - Mike Hankins, Helena, Voices for Veterans
 - Tracy King, Ft. Belknap, Tribal Council member & family of Iraq veterans
 - Brandi King, Ft. Belknap, Iraq veteran
 - Jeremiah Thompson, Iraq veteran
 - Larry Prinkki, Viet Nam veteran, Vet2Vet member
 - Other interested persons
 - Committee questions and discussion
- 4:15 MAR Notice No. 2-59-385, et seq.: David Niss, and response from Ms. Kelly O'Donnell, Staff Attorney, Department of Administration
- 4:30 Public comment on any subject within the Committee's purview
- 5:00 Other Committee business
- Point of Information regarding Board of Veterans Affairs: Last fall, Sen. Joe Tropila was reappointed to the Board of Veterans Affairs and continues to serve on the Board (through 2010). Sen. Tropila was appointed to the Board pursuant to 2-15-1205, MCA, as a representative of the SAVA. Committee discussion.
 - Response to Rep. Small-Eastman in re identification requirements for voter registration and voting
 - Administrative Rules: David Niss, Staff Attorney.
 - Member issues
 - Instructions to staff
 - other
- 5:30 Recess until 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2007



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October 20, 2007 8:30 a.m. Room 102, State Capitol

Saturday, 10/20

8:30 a.m. Reconvene -- roll call

- 8:31 HJR 59 Study of Public Employee Retirement Systems
- History of Montana public employee retirement systems -- Dave Bohyer, LSD
 - Overview of on the *Principles and Guidelines for Public Employee Retirement Systems*, adopted by the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee, June 22, 2006. -- Dave Bohyer, LSD
 - Introduction to trends in public employee retirement systems -- Dave Bohyer, LSD

- 9:30 Status report on actuarial review of public employee retirement systems
- Roxanne Minnehan, Ex. Dir., MPERA
 - David Senn, Ex. Dir., Teachers' Retirement System
 - Carroll South, Ex. Dir., Montana Board of Investments

BREAK

- 10:00 This portion of the meeting will solicit comments from stakeholders in the public employee retirement systems relating to observations and experience with shortcomings of current retirement systems and goals for improving the retirement systems. **NOTE: The chairman may call for a break at an appropriate time, including for lunch if advisable.**
- PERS -- Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, MPERA
 - TRS -- David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement System
 - Montana Public Employees Association -- Tom Schneider (written comments)
 - Judges -- Judge Joseph Hegel (invited)
 - Highway Patrol Officers -- Mark Taylor, MHPORS (written comments)
 - Police Officers -- Jim Kembel, MT Police Chiefs and Police Officers (invited)
 - Firefighters -- Doug Neil, MT State Firemen's Association (invited)
 - University System Optional Retirement Program -- Kevin McRea (written comments)
 - MEA-MFT -- Tom Bilodeau
 - Montana Assoc. of School Supt. -- Jerry Pauli, Supt. of Schools, Thompson Falls
 - Retired Teachers of Montana -- Charlotte Thomas (invited)
 - Montana Association of Counties -- Sheryl Wood, MACo
 - Montana Police Protective Association -- Jerry Williams, MDOJ
 - Other interested persons
 - Committee questions and discussion

- TBD Status report on HJR 46 study of election laws -- Sue O'Connell, Research Analyst. Sue will also ask the Committee for feedback and guidance.

- TBD Adjourn