



## State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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### 64th Montana Legislature

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### AGENDA

as of 8/18/16

#### Meeting #6 - Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016

Room 137, Capitol Bldg., Helena

*Please note: all times are approximate*

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- 8:30 a.m.      **1. Sen. Dee Brown, Presiding Officer**
- a. Call to order
  - b. Roll call
  - c. Introductory comments - overview of agenda
- 8:45            **2. Veterans - Suicide Prevention**
- a. Suicide Review Team report and recommendations  
- Sheri Scurr for Karl Rosston, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, DPHHS
  - 9:00            b. Joining Community Forces - Tool Kit  
- Brandy Keely, Lewis & Clark County JCF Co-Chair  
- Ryan Luchau, VA Community Employment Coordinator/JCF
  - 9:15            c. Suicide Prevention in Indian Country  
- Mary Lynne Billy-Old Coyote, Indian Affairs Officer, DPHHS (invited)  
- Jason Smith, State Indian Affairs Coordinator (invited)
  - 9:30            d. Overview and status of Network of Care website as it relates to veteran suicide prevention, including for tribal members  
- Carrie Lutkehus, Community Resources Manager, DPHHS
  - 9:45            e. Congressional Delegation Efforts and GAO Report - Veterans Crisis Line: Additional Testing, Monitoring, and Information Needed to Ensure Better Quality Service. GAO-16-373, May 26  
- Gilda Clancy, veteran affairs liaison for U.S. Sen. Daines  
- Bruce Knutson, veteran affairs liaison for U.S. Sen. Tester  
- Zack Gambill, veteran affairs director for Congressman Zinke
  - 10:00          f. Montana National Guard Suicide Prevention Program  
- Maj. Gen. Matthew Quinn, Adjutant General  
- Brigadier Gen. Jeffrey Ireland, Director of Joint Staff

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**2. Veterans - Suicide Prevention (continued)**

- 10:15 g. Panel: What state legislative activities/actions would help to address Montana's high veteran suicide rate and to reach Native American veterans in tribal areas?
- Ann Denny, Director, Rocky Boy Veterans Center
  - Chauncey Parker, American Legion Post 67 Commander, Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation
  - Juliana Hallows, Suicide Prevention Program, VA
  - Ed Lesofski, Exec. Dir., Rural Institute Veterans Education and Research
  - Brandy Keely, Lewis & Clark County JCF Co-Chair
  - Carrie Lutkehus, Community Resources Manager, DPHHS
  - Mary Lynne Billy-Old Coyote, DPHHS (invited)
  - BG Ireland, Montana National Guard
- 11:15 h. Public comment on veterans issues\*
- 11:30 i. Committee discussion and work session:  
→ Committee action on veterans issues

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 p.m. **3. Election Law Cleanup - Committee Bill - LC0030**

- a. Review of LC0030
  - Sheri Scurr, legislative research analyst
- b. Public comment on LC0030\*
- c. Committee action item: Final work session and action on LC0030

1:45 **4. Local Fire Relief Association Funding**

- a. Review of local firefighter retirement funding based on "assessed value of taxable property" - issue referred by Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee
  - Sheri Scurr, legislative research analyst
- b. Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue
- c. Local Perspective
  - Agnes Fowler, Board Member, Montana League of Cities and Towns and Conrad Finance Officer
  - Jodi Rogers, Finance Officer, City of Choteau
- d. Public comment\*
- e. Committee action item: Does the committee wish to request a committee bill to revise statutory language on local firefighter pension plan funding requirements? Any other related discussion and actions?

2:30 BREAK

2:45 **5. Public Employee Retirement Plans - Cash flow and benefits vs. contributions**

- a. David Ewer, Executive Director, Board of Investments
- b. Committee questions and discussion
- c. Public comment\*

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- 3:00      **6. Agency Bill Draft Requests**
- a. Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, Public Employees' Retirement Board
    - Public comment\*
    - Committee action item: Authorize drafting of agency bill requests?
  - b. Shawn Graham, Executive Director Teachers' Retirement Board
    - Public comment\*
    - Committee action item: Authorize drafting of agency bill requests?
  - c. Jorge Quintana, Legal Counsel, Secretary of State's Office
    - Public comment\*
    - Committee action item: Authorize drafting of agency bill requests?
  - d. Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices
    - Public comment\*
    - Committee action item: Authorize drafting of agency bill requests?
    - Committee questions on packet of updates on COPP cases (materials posted on SAVA web page for Aug. 23)
  - e. Sheila Hogan, Department of Administration
    - Public comment\*
    - Committee action item: Authorize drafting of agency bill requests?
- 4:30      **7. HB 142 (2011) Review of Statutory Advisory Councils and Reports**
- a. Angie Gifford, Capitol Complex Advisory Council
  - b. Marilyn Bartlett, State Employee Group Benefits Advisory Council
- 4:45      **8. Rule Review Activity**
- a. Overview
    - Ginger Aldrich, staff attorney
  - b. Committee questions and possible action if committee members have concerns
- 5:00      **9. Final Report - Committee Recommendations (not including pensions)**
- a. Overview of staff approach to final reports - list of committee's recommendations
    - Sheri Scurr, legislative research analyst
  - b. Committee questions and discussion
  - c. Public comment\*
  - d. Committee action item: revision and/or approval of staff's final report approach and committee recommendations (not including pensions)
- 5:15      **10. General Public Comment on Any Matter Under the Committee's Jurisdiction\***
- 5:30      Next Meeting - Nov. 17 (pension issues only)  
Adjournment

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