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65th Montana Legislature

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FINAL AGENDA

September 21, 2017
8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 102

Please note: All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.

- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order -- Roll Call -- Senator Diane Sands, Presiding Officer
- 8:35 a.m. Administrative Matters: Committee Organizational Tasks -- Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
- Review of draft work plan, SJ 25 study plan, and HJ 6 outline
 - Review of agency oversight documents
 - Questions from the committee
 - Public comment* on the draft work and study documents
- 8:45 a.m. Agency Oversight: Administrative Rule Review
- Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney, LSD
 - Public comment*
 - Questions from the committee
- 9:00 a.m. Agency Oversight: Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) Introduction and Update
- Perry Johnson, Executive Director
 - Questions from the committee
- 9:15 a.m. Judicial Branch and Office of Court Administrator Introduction and Update
- Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator
 - Questions from the committee
- 9:45 a.m. Agency Oversight: Department of Justice Update
- Jon Bennion, Chief Deputy Attorney General
 - Questions from the committee
- 10:00 a.m. HJ 6 Study: Update on AID Montana
- DOJ staff TBD

- Public comment*
 - Questions from the committee
- 10:45 a.m. BREAK
- 11:00 a.m. Agency Oversight: Office of State Public Defender Introduction and Update
- Harry Freebourn, Interim Director
 - Peter Ohman, Public Defender Division Administrator
 - Questions from the committee
- 11:30 a.m. Agency Oversight: Board of Pardons and Parole (BOPP) Introduction and Update
- Scott Cruse, Presiding Officer, BOPP
 - Questions from the committee
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:15 p.m. Agency Oversight: Introduction of New Department of Corrections Director and DOC Update
- Reginald Michael, Director
 - Adrienne Cotton, Government Relations Director
 - Other DOC staff as needed and TBD
 - Questions from the committee
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. SJ 25 Study of Solitary Confinement: Stage 1 - Background and Information Gathering
- Overview of terms and numbers, national standards, and best practices -- Rachel Weiss, LSD
 - *Eldon Vail, former Secretary of the Washington State Department of Corrections (via telephone or videoconference) -- Tentative*
 - Questions from the committee
 - Public comment* on the SJ 25 study
- 4:15 p.m. Public comment* on any item within the committee's jurisdiction but not on this agenda.
- 4:30 p.m. Committee Work Session
- Administrative matters
 - Revise/adopt work plan and study plans
 - Revise/adopt meeting dates
 - Review work plan meeting chart
 - What additional updates or information would the LJIC like to request from the agencies? Are there questions the LJIC wants

- addressed during future agency updates? Other topics?
 - What additional information related to the SJ 25 study of solitary confinement would the LJIC like to receive at future meetings? Other topics that you'd like addressed?
 - Are there member issues the LJIC wants to include in future agendas or dedicate staff time to address?
- Other directions to staff
- Next meeting: November 15-16 -- Helena

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

*Public comment provided in person to the committee is a public record that is videotaped, archived, and available on the Internet. Public comment submitted in writing at a committee meeting is a public record that will be posted to the legislative Web site as part of the minutes log for the committee meeting.

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