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AGENDA

Meeting #7: Full Committee, Room 137, State Capitol, Helena DAY 1: Thursday, May 11, 2006

8:30 a.m. Secretary will note the roll
Overview of agenda, meeting goals, **Rep. John Parker**, Chairman

SJR 6 Study

8:45 a.m. *Pro Se* Subcommittee report:
Sen. Perry, Subcommittee Chairman
-- introductory comments
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Research Analyst:
-- presentation of subcommittee' bill draft (LC 72)
-- *pro bono* component of legal services
-- preview of committee decision points
Ms. Pat Gervais, Legislative Fiscal analyst
-- preliminary fiscal analysis

10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m. Public comment on *pro se* bill draft (LC 72)

11:00 a.m. Committee questions, discussion, preliminary actions on LC 72 (*no final actions*)

12:00 noon LUNCH BREAK

SJR 40 Study

1:00 p.m. Presentation of bill draft (LC 71): Prosecution Services Revision Act, **Sheri Heffelfinger**

1:45 p.m. Preliminary fiscal analysis of LC 71, **Ms. Pat Gervais**, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

2:00 p.m. Stakeholder roundtable discussion on LC 71
• Montana Assoc. of Counties (MACo): **Mr. Harold Blattie** by conference call
• Department of Justice (DOJ): **Mr. Larry Fasbender**, Deputy Director
• Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA): **Mr. Fred VanValkenberg**

3:00 p.m. Committee questions, discussion, preliminary actions on LC 71 (*no final actions*)

4:00 p.m. Recess until 8:00 a.m., Friday, May 12

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please contact Sheri Heffelfinger before the meeting at 406-444-3596 or by email at sheffelfinger@mt.gov.***

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DAY 2 - Friday, May 12, 2006

- 8:30 a.m. Secretary will note the roll
Introductory remarks, **Rep. John Parker**, Chairman
- 8:40 a.m. Update on SJR 37, Child Protective Services Study, **Sen. Carol Williams**, LJIC member, sponsor of SJR 37, and liaison with CFHHS, **Ms. Susan Fox**, Legislative Research Analyst

Agency Monitoring Duties

- 9:00 a.m. Overview of LJIC agency monitoring and bill draft review duties, **Sheri Heffelfinger**, Legislative Research Analyst

Note: Agencies are asked to: (1) provide a concise summary of recent agency activities; (2) describe agency bill proposals ready to be drafted; and (3) preview agency bill proposals "in the works", but not yet ready to be drafted. Spokespersons are requested to stay on point and hand out written summaries. The DOC and Judicial Branch are requested to not address JDIP matters until the afternoon session.

- 9:05 a.m. Judicial Branch: activities update and any legislative proposals (**speaker TBD**)
-- Public comment
-- Committee questions, discussion, possible action re: bill drafting
- 9:30 a.m. Dept. of Corrections: activities update and any legislative proposals (**speaker TBD**)
-- Public comment
-- Committee questions, discussion, possible action re: bill drafting
- 10:15 a.m. BREAK
- 10:30 a.m. Dept. of Justice: activities update and any legislative proposals (**speaker TBD**)
-- Public comment
-- Committee questions, discussion, possible action re: bill drafting
- 11:30 a.m. State Public Defender: activities update and any legislative proposals (**speaker TBD**)
-- Public comment
-- Committee questions, discussion, possible action re: bill drafting
- 12:00 noon LUNCH BREAK

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DAY 2 - Friday, May 12 -- continued

General LJIC Monitoring Duties

- 1:00 p.m. Overview of a letter from The Honorable James A. Haynes, District Judge, 12th Judicial District (Ravalli County) and his proposal that Section 46-16-105(1), MCA, be amended, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Legislative Research Analyst
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, possible actions

Emerging Issue: Juvenile Delinquency Intervention Program (JDIP)

- 1:30 p.m. Staff overview of JDIP, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Legislative Research Analyst
- 1:45 p.m. Rule review issues regarding the JDIP, **Ms. Valencia Lane**, Staff Attorney
- 2:15 p.m. Department of Corrections response on JDIP issues (**speaker TBD**)
- 2:30 p.m. Judicial Branch response on JDIP issues (**speaker TBD**)
- 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:15 p.m. Public comment
- 3:45 p.m. Committee questions, discussion, possible action on JDIP issues
- 4:00 p.m. Instructions to staff
Preview of LJIC agenda for June meeting in Butte
Adjournment

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