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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, August 31, 2006
Room 102, Capitol, Helena

8:30 a.m. Roll Call
Rep. John Parker, Chairman, meeting overview
Approval of Minutes, June 29-30, 2005

SJR 40: Prosecution services

8:35 a.m. **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, LSD, committee decisions on LC 71 to date

8:45 a.m. Proposed appropriation amount for LC 71, any other changes
- **Mr. Larry Fasbender**, Department of Justice
- **Mr. Brent Doig**, Governor's budget office

Stakeholder comments on appropriation, other changes
- **Mr. Fred VanValkenburg**, Montana County Attorney's Association
- **Mr. Harold Blattie**, Montana Association of Counties

Public Comment: LC 71 on appropriation, other changes

9:00 a.m. **Action Item:** Committee questions and work session: LC 71 appropriation, changes

SB 146: Entitlement share changes for public defender system funding

9:15 a.m. Recommendations from Public Defender Subcommittee (LC 8888)
- **Sen. Dan McGee**, Subcommittee Chairman
- **Ms. Pat Gervais**, Fiscal Analyst, LFD
- **Ms. Valencia Lane**, Staff Attorney, LSD

9:30 a.m. Stakeholder comments
- **Mr. Brent Doig**, Governor's Budget Office
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- 9:45 a.m. **Public Comment:** Entitlement share bill draft (LC 8888)
- 10:00 a.m. **Action Item:** Committee discussion/work session on LC 8888
- 10:15 a.m. BREAK

Public defender system implementation

- 10:30 a.m. Update on implementation since July 1, 2006, official opening
- **Mr. Jim Taylor**, Chairman, Public Defender Commission
- **Ms. Randi Hood**, Chief Public Defender
- **Mr. Harry Freebourn**, Finance and Administration, OPD
- 11:00 a.m. Proposed legislation by request of the Public Defender Commission/OPD
- **Ms. Randi Hood**, Chief Public Defender
- 11:15 a.m. **Public Comment:** Proposed Public Defender Commission legislation
- 11:30 a.m. **Action Item:** Committee questions and work session on proposed OPD legislation
- 12 noon LUNCH

Juvenile Delinquency Intervention Program

- 1:00 p.m. **Ms. Valencia Lane:** Issue overview, discussion of legal analysis by Ms. Diane Koch, Department of Corrections
- 1:15 p.m. Stakeholder and public comments
- **Ms. Lois Menzies**, Supreme Court Administrator
- **Mr. Mike Ferriter**, Director, Department of Corrections
- 1:30 p.m. **Public Comment:** JDIP matters
- 1:45 p.m. **Action Item:** Committee discussion, possible work session on JDIP

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Any changes on agency legislative proposals

2:00 p.m. **Mr. Mike Ferriter**, Department of Corrections
 Ms. Lois Menzies, Supreme Court Administrator
 Mr. Larry Fasbender, Department of Justice, new proposals, reports

2:15 p.m. ***Public Comment:*** New agency legislative proposals

2:30 p.m. ***Action Item:*** Committee approval of agency bills for drafting

2:45 p.m. BREAK

SJR 37: Child protective services study

3:00 p.m. **Sen. Carol Williams**
 - update on Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee
 - possible revisions to child abuse and neglect statutes (Title 41, chapter 3)

3:15 p.m. ***Public Comment:*** possible revisions to child abuse and neglect statutes

3:30 p.m. ***Action Item:*** Committee action on LJIC co-sponsorship of CFHHS legislation to
 revise child abuse and neglect statutes

HJR 15: Disproportionate minority contact in criminal justice system

3:45 p.m. **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, staff report on HJR 15, synopsis of comments received
 by stakeholders

4:00 p.m. ***Public Comment:*** HJR 15

4:15 p.m. ***Action Item:*** Committee discussion, possible action on HJR 15 matters

Wrap-up

4:30 p.m. Concept of committee's final report, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**
 Committee action on final report concept

4:45 p.m. Assignment of committee bills
 Adjournment