

PRE-MEETING READING PACKET

DUI Panel #2 - Laws and Enforcement Monday, September 28, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Issue Summary

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BACKGROUND

This Panel #2 on DUI laws and enforcement begins the committee's work on the following two study tasks as outlined in SJR 39:

- (1) identify strengths and weaknesses in Montana's current DUI statutes; and
- (2) examine laws and enforcement practices in other states, including license suspensions, technology, and available resources.

This panel is not designed to discuss DUI courts, post-conviction alternatives to incarceration, incarceration rates, or treatment programs. That will be the focus at the next meeting.

This panel is designed to begin examining current law on offenses and penalties and how those laws are and should be enforced.

ATTACHMENTS

- ▶ Table 1, DUI laws chart from the staff report "SJR 39: A Primer".
- ▶ NHTSA, "Initiatives to Address Impaired Driving", December 2003.

COMMITTEE DECISION POINTS

Following the panel discussion on laws and enforcement, the committee should decide what areas of penalties and enforcement are most important for further information.