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AGENDA

as of 11/14/14

Meeting #9 - Monday, November 17, 2014

Room 137, Capitol Bldg., Helena

Please note: all times are approximate and subject to change

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- 8:30 a.m. **1. Call to order and roll call** - Sen. Dee Brown, Presiding Officer
- 8:35 **2. Review of Information Available on Pension Plan Green Sheets**
a. Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
b. Committee questions
- 8:45 **3. Teachers' Retirement System - Actuarial Valuation Results**
a. Shawn Graham, Executive Director
b. Committee questions
- 9:15 **4. Montana Public Employees' Retirement Administration**
- Actuarial Valuation Results for MPERA Systems
a. Dore Schwinden, Executive Director
b. Committee questions
- 10:15 BREAK
- 10:30 **5. Board of Investments Reports**
a. David Ewer, Executive Director and Cliff Sheets, Chief Investment Officer
 (i) Brief review of annual report relevant to pension fund investments
 (ii) Most recent information on investment rate of return on pension funds
b. Committee questions
- 11:15 **6. Overview of Pension Policy Principles as Guidelines**
a. Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
b. Committee questions
c. Public comment
d. Committee work session
 → *Action Item: What pension policy principles would SAVA like to adopt as guidelines for legislators to consider when acting on pension bills?*
- 11:45 **7. Review of Legislator's Guide to Montana's Pension Plans**
a. Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
b. Committee questions
c. Public comment
d. Committee work session
 → *Action Item: Does SAVA want to have a Legislator's Guide published and if so, what revisions or updates would SAVA like to see in the Guide?*

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- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:15 p.m. **8. Review of Legislative Staff Analysis Templates for Pension Bills**
- a. Legislative Fiscal Division (TBD)
 - b. Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
 - c. Committee questions
 - d. Public comment
 - e. Committee work session
 - *Action Item: Does SAVA want a special staff analysis for pension bills, just certain pension bills, or only upon request? If so, does SAVA have any changes on the proposed templates?*
- 2:00 **9. Committee Bills - LC144 and LC332 - Revising contributions in PERS**
- a. Sen. Malek/Sheri Scurr - review of changes
 - b. Committee questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
 - *Action Item: Does SAVA approve LC 144 and LC 332 as committee bills?*
- 2:30 BREAK
- 2:45 **10. Committee Bill - LC143 - Revising Election Laws**
- a. Rep. Bennett/Sheri Scurr - review of changes
 - b. Committee questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee work session
 - *Action Item: Does SAVA approve LC 143 as a committee bill?*
- 3:15 NEW **11. General Election Administration - How did things go?**
- a. Secretary of State Linda McCulloch
 - b. Committee questions and discussion
- 3:45 **12. Veterans Outreach**
- a. Sheri Scurr, Legislative Research Analyst
 - Overview of HJR 30 study resolution final report - inventory of benefits
 - b. Joe Foster, Administrator, Montana Veterans' Affairs Division
 - Response to Sen. Brown's request for Montana veteran demographics
 - REVISED c. Sen. Dee Brown
 - VA data provided in response to info. request
 - Overview of bullet points summary of responses to request for ideas and letter concerning budget request for Veteran Service Officer in Glasgow
 - d. Public comment
 - e. Committee work session
 - *Action Item: Approval and/or revision of letter for funding for VSO in Glasgow*

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- 4:15 **13. Department of Military Affairs**
- a. Request for SAVA's authorization for another agency bill, related to a National Guard bonus program and Legislative Audit recommendation.
 - b. Committee Questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee Action Item:
 - *Does the Committee authorize the DMA agency bill request for drafting purposes?*
- 4:30 NEW **14. Commissioner of Political Practices**
- a. Request for SAVA's authorization for an agency bill to repeal misrepresentation of voting record, Commissioner Jonathan Motl
 - b. Committee Questions
 - c. Public comment
 - d. Committee Action Item:
 - *Does the Committee authorize the COPP agency bill request for drafting purposes?*
- 4:45 **15. Rule review activity** - Ginger Aldrich
- 4:50 **16. General public comment** - any matter under the Committee's jurisdiction
- 5:00 Wrap up
- Adjournment

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