



## Education and Local Government Interim Committee

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### 64th Montana Legislature

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### AGENDA

#### Education and Local Government Committee July 16, 2015 Room 137, State Capitol

**Note:** *Agenda times are approximate. Some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated.*

- 9:00**            **Call to order, roll call** - Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, senior Senator
- 9:05**            **Election of Chair and Vice Chair** - Committee members
- 9:15**            **Introduction of members and staff**
- 9:30**            **Committee overview/agenda overview** - Leanne Kurtz, LSD Research Analyst
- Staff roles and responsibilities
  - Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committees
  - Public Comment Guidelines
- 9:35**            **Office of Public Instruction reports** - Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, OPI
- 2015 Summary of K-12 Legislation
  - SB 410 implementation (Tax credits for contributions to public and private schools)
  - Preschool development grant
  - OPI participation in SB 128 School Funding Interim Commission
  - Other OPI activities, suggestions for work plan
- 10:15**            **Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education reports** - Tyler Trevor, Associate Commissioner, OCHE
- STEM Scholarships
  - Montana University System Research Initiative
  - Other MUS activities, suggestions for work plan
- 10:45**            **Board of Public Education update** - Pete Donovan, Executive Director, BPE, and Board members

- 11:00**      **SB 128 School Funding Study Commission** - Pad McCracken, LSD Research Analyst and Commission staff
- Background/overview
  - Options for coordination with ELG
  - Committee discussion
- 11:30**      **HJR 26 Study of Youth Concussion Protection Laws**
- Background/overview - Pad McCracken
  - Implementation of concussion protection laws - Valerie Moody, WEMT-B Program Director Athletic Training Professor Department of Health and Human Performance University of Montana
  - Montana High School Association perspective - Mark Beckman, Executive Director, MHSA
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 12:00**      **Lunch**
- 1:00**      **SJR 20 Study of County Road Easements on State Trust Land**
- Background/overview - Leanne Kurtz
  - DNRC's role - John Grimm, Real Estate Management Bureau Chief, DNRC Trust Lands Management Division; Lisa Axline, Right-of-Way Section Supervisor, DNRC Trust Lands Management Division
  - County perspective - Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 1:45**      **SJR 21 Study of Local Fire and Emergency Services**
- Background/overview - Leanne Kurtz
  - Local fire agency perspective - Leonard Lundby, John Semple, Montana Fire Alliance
  - DNRC perspective - Ted Mead, Fire and Aviation Management Bureau Chief, DNRC Forestry Division
  - County perspective - Harold Blattie, MACo
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 2:30**      **Administrative Rule Review** - Laura Sankey, LSD staff attorney
- Statutory rule review duties
  - Proposed approach to review
  - SB 345 changes to 20-7-101
  - Rule update
- 3:00**      **Draft work plan and proposed work matrix** - Leanne Kurtz
- Statutory duties

- Budget
- Meeting schedule
- Required reports, advisory council reviews
- Assigned studies, proposed approach to each
- Public comment on the work plan

*Questions for discussion, directions to staff*

1. How does the committee want to interface with School Funding Commission?
2. What are any additional topics members wish to explore in education and local government arenas?
3. Is the proposed meeting schedule acceptable?
4. What are members' expectations for the studies? For other interim activities?
5. How does the committee wish to fulfill its agency monitoring duties (rotate among agencies like last interim? each agency at each meeting? Particular areas of emphasis?)

**4:00 Public comment on any item within ELG's purview not included on agenda**

**4:30 Adjourn**