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AGENDA

Meeting #2: Full Committee

DAY 2

Thursday, September 22, 2005
Room 102, State Capitol, Helena

- 8:30 a.m. Roll Call
- 8:45 a.m. Background report on county attorney services, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Legislative Research Analyst
- 9:15 a.m. State workload for county attorneys, identification of which counties and which cases require state assistance the most, problems with the current system, discussion of whether the state should consider a district attorney structure, **Attorney General Mike McGrath and Mr. John Connor, Chief Criminal Counsel, Prosecution Services Bureau**
- 10:00 a.m. Overview of differences among the counties and how that affects county attorney positions, duties, and salaries, **Mr. Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties**
- 10:45 a.m. BREAK
- 11:00 a.m. County attorney workload, problems with the current system, discussion of whether the state should consider a district attorney structure, **Missoula County Attorney Fred VanValkenburg, President, Montana County Attorney Association**
- 11:45 a.m. LUNCH BREAK

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- 1:00 p.m. Update: SJR 37 study by the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee, **Susan Fox**, Research Analyst Legislative Services
- 1:15 p.m. Public Comment on SJR 40
- 2:15 p.m. Committee work session: What information, issues, and options would the Committee like outlined in a staff "white paper" to be presented to the Committee at its March meeting? Who would the Committee like to have participate in a round table discussion after the staff report is presented? **Rep. John Parker**, Chairman
- 3:45 p.m. Other business
Adjournment