



State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee
59th Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE
Friday, May 12, 2006 Room 303, State Capitol

All Times
Tentative

- 8:30 Call meeting to order; roll call; comments: Sen. Joe Tropila, Presiding Officer
- 8:32 Review and approve minutes from June 9, 2005 meeting (conference call)
- 8:35 Additional study of issues pertinent to HJR 42 and public employee retirement systems in general. Dave Bohyer will present a list of topics related to public employee retirement. Subsequently, the Committee will discuss the topics and perhaps others to determine if continued study of public employee retirement systems is necessary and advisable.

BREAK

- 10:00 Mr. Dick Motta, Philipsburg: Mr. Motta will brief the Committee on his experience and difficulties with participating in public meetings.
- 10:30 Draft Legislation: David Niss, staff attorney, will recap six bills held over by the Committee from its March 6, 2006, meeting:
- LC 9993: Providing for the payment of the expenses of a private entity, group, or individual incurred in challenging the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule proposed or adopted in knowing or willful violation of the Montana Administrative Procedure Act
 - LC 9994: Providing for the payment of the expenses of a private entity, group, or individual in challenging the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule proposed or adopted in knowing or willful violation of the Montana Administrative Procedure Act; providing for the payment of expense claims by the Department of Administration from money appropriated to the department for that purpose;
 - LC 9995: Providing for the payment of the expenses of a private entity, group, or individual incurred in challenging the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule proposed or adopted in knowing or willful violation of the Montana Administrative Procedure Act
 - LC9997: providing qualifications for the executive director of MPERA
 - LC10002: addressing civil actions for enforcement of open meetings and public participation statutes
 - LC10003: addressing reimbursement of costs and fees to enforce statutes regarding citizen participation in government
- 11:00 Public comment on draft legislation (six bills).

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- 11:15 Committee consideration of:
- (1) applying quasi-judicial requirements to PERB; and (2) amend statutes to require agency agendas to provide for public comment on action items. As requested by the Committee, this item revisits issues discussed briefly at prior meetings. David Niss will summarize the two issues.
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action
- Noon **BREAK FOR LUNCH**
- 1:15 Reconvene--call to order
- 1:15 Department of Military Affairs: Joe Foster, DMA, will brief the Committee on topics of current interest.
- 1:35 Office of the Secretary of State
- Update on the status of the Statewide Voter Registration System required under HAVA: Elaine Graveley, Elections Deputy
 - ARM-On-the-Web: Jean Branscum, ARM Deputy
- 2:05 History of the Police Officers' Retirement System and the circumstances of Mr. Frank Cole, former Deputy Chief, City of Missoula: Melanie Symons, Staff Attorney, MPERA
- 2:50 Jon Moe, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst: Mr. Moe will brief the Committee on the activities of the Fiscal Note Work Group
- 3:15 Public comment on issues within the purview of the Committee
- 3:45 Other Committee business
- Member issues
 - Confirm next meeting date: June 21 and 22, 2006
 - Instructions to staff
 - Other

Adjourn

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