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(as of 08/22/08)

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Friday, September 5, 2008
State Capitol, Room 137
Helena, Montana

- 8:30** Call to order, Chairman Laible
Approve ELG committee minutes of June 13, 2008
- 8:35** Recap of the Thursday subcommittee meetings
√ HB-49 Subcommittee, Sen. Gillan
√ K-12 Subcommittee, Sen. Kitzenberg
√ PEPB Subcommittee, Sen. Hawks
- 9:10** Local government obsolete statutes, Greg Petesch
- 9:30** Montana state scholarship portfolio, Chairman Laible
- 10:30** Consideration of committee bills
Synopsis, discussion, public comment, vote, assignment of sponsor:
- Special Districts, Uniform Act, LC-9208,
√ Hope Stockwell
 - Special Districts, housekeeping legislation, LC-9209
√ Hope Stockwell
 - Revise interlibrary loan policy, LC-Libr
√ Casey Barrs
 - Approve the Bitterroot Valley Community College, LC-154
√ Jeremy Gersovitz
 - Study community college establishment process, LC-151
√ Casey Barrs
- 11:30** Break

- 11:45** **Consideration of committee bills**
Synopsis, discussion, public comment, vote, assignment of sponsor:
- Clarify legislative approval of a community college, LC-153**
√ Jeremy Gersovitz
 - Dentists' incentives LC-152**
√ Casey Barrs
 - Future interim committee configuration, LC(s)-_____**
√ Casey Barrs
 - K-12 performance reporting, LC-_____**
√ Sen. Rick Laible
 - Higher education performance reporting, LC-_____**
√ Sen. Rick Laible
 - Investigating administrative efficiencies, LC-_____ (study resolution)**
√ Sen. Rick Laible
- 12:45** **Lunch**
- 2:00** **Review of agency bills** (Committee motion to get bills into drafting pipeline)
√ Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction
- 2:15** **Oversight of agency rule changes**
Rule recap and legal/fiscal vetting (No committee action required):
- Technology and library media**
√ Michael Hall, Technology Specialist, OPI
√ Colet Bartow, Library Media Curriculum Specialist, OPI
 - Distance learning and Class 8 Licensure**
√ Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary, Board of Public Education
- 3:00** **Next interim: ELG configuration** (Committee bill, LC_____), Casey Barrs
- 3:30** **Next interim: Urge attention to certain "edge" issues**, (Committee motion),
Pam Joehler
- 4:00** **Preview of January education event**, (Committee vote on ELG sponsorship)
Staff, Sen. Laible & Sen. Hawks
- 4:15** **MQEC court filing update**, Jeremy Gersovitz
- 4:30** **Public comment**
- 4:45** **Adjourn**

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