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JANUARY 23, 2012
ATTACHMENT #3

**Education and Local Government Interim Committee**

**62nd Montana Legislature**

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**DRAFT AGENDA**
**January 23-24, 2012**
**Room 102, State Capitol**

*January 23*

9:00 **Call to order, roll call, approval of November written minutes** - Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chair

9:05 **Introduction of new State Librarian, Jennie Stapp**

9:10 **Local emergency service fees:**
- Overview; legal basis; jurisdictions that have implemented fee system- Helen Thigpen, LSD staff attorney
- Public comment

9:30 **Volunteer firefighters and Workers Compensation: update from Economic Affairs meeting** - Leanne Kurtz

9:45 **Family transfer subdivision exemption**
- Overview of statutes, legislative history, local evasion criteria - Leanne Kurtz, ELG staff
- Panel discussion: How is the exemption used by various counties? Is the law sufficient? Are changes warranted?
  - Tara DePuy, attorney representing Montana Association of Counties Joint Powers Insurance Authority
  - Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli Co. Clerk and Recorder
  - Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors
- Public comment

11:00 **Public safety communications system:** Interoperability history, Executive Order 13-2011; current program overview; policy development, expected local government investment and involvement; future of the program, anticipated legislative involvement; MSPOA comment
- Warren Dupuis, Chief of Staff, State Information Technology Services Division and Statewide Interoperability Coordinator
- Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association comment
- Public comment

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **HB 142 compliance: Fire Services Training School Advisory Council (20-31-103, MCA)** - Douglas Steele, Director, MSU Extension; Gar Wood, Member, Advisory Council

1:30 **Montana University System/Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education monitoring**

- Tuition policy: increases; Affordability Task Force - Commissioner Sheila Stearns, OCHE
- Statewide listening sessions - Commissioner Stearns
- Commissioner of Higher Education: Commissioner Stearns retirement; timeline, process for succession - Commissioner Stearns; Clayton Christian, Commissioner-designee
- Shared Policy Goals and Accountability Measures: review development; progress; updates - Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division; Tyler Trevor, OCHE

3:30 **OCHE Two-year Education Initiative**

- 2-year initiative - John Cech, Deputy Commissioner for Two-Year and Community College Education
- December 2011 College!Now Rebranding Summit: report; outcomes
- 2-year programs tailoring to workforce demands

4:45 **Reports from members attending Board of Regents meeting**

5:00 **Public comment on any matter within ELG jurisdiction**

5:15 **Recess**

*January 24*

8:00 **K-12 Data Systems**

- GEMS demonstration - OPI
- Tracking student achievement and measuring student growth - Dan Whyte, LSD Staff Attorney

9:00 **SJR 28 study of outcome-based and performance-based K-12 education systems**

- Comment on study focus adopted in November
  - Darrell Rud, Montana Association of School Superintendents
  - Marco Ferro, MEA/MFT
  - Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
- Committee discussion, directions to staff

9:30 **K-12 Teacher training, recruitment, retention**

- Conversation with the Deans on K-12 teacher education:
  - Larry Baker, Dean, Montana State University College of Education, Health & Human Development
  - Roberta "Bobbie" Evans, Dean, University of Montana College of Education and Human Sciences
- Recruitment problems in districts (provisional licensure)
- Retention problems

10:45 **Cost estimates to implement common core standards** - Kris Wilkinson and Rob Miller, Fiscal Analysts, Legislative Fiscal Division

11:00 **MQEC complaint update:** Review complaint; state response; timeline - Dan Whyte

11:15 **Administrative Rule Review** - Dan Whyte

11:30 **Report from members attending Board of Public Education meeting**

11:40 **Public comment on any matter within ELG jurisdiction**

12:00 **Review March meeting, instructions to staff**

12:15 **Adjourn**