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Legislative Finance Committee Tentative Agenda March 9 and 10, 2006 State Capitol – Hearing Room 102

Thursday, March 9

1:00 Call to Order and Roll Call - Chairman Cobb

1:05 Approval of minutes of December 6 and 7, 2005 LFC meeting

Interim Studies

1:15 Community College Funding Formula Study: The Cost of Education Factor – Alan Peura

2:15 Status Report on LFC Interim Subcommittees/Studies

- Resource Indemnity Trust Statutes and Policies – Barb Smith/Rep. Ripley
- Long Range Building Funding Interim Study – Cathy Duncan/Sen. Cooney
- Fiscal Notes Improvement Working Group – Jon Moe/Rep. Callahan, Rep. Sinrud

2:45 Status Reports on Other Interim Study Committees

- Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget Subcommittee – Alan Peura

Budget “Pressure Points”

3:00 Department of Corrections Current Budget Status and Long-Term Solutions

- Pat Gervais/Dept Personnel
- Pat Gervais/Department of Justice – Major Litigation Costs (No presentation)

3:45 Agency Appropriations Transfer Requests (Supplementals) – Taryn Purdy

- Judiciary – District Court Program – Pat Gervais
- DNRC Wildfire Suppression/Land Trusts – Barb Smith
- Corrections – Pat Gervais
- Department of Public Health and Human Services – Lois Steinbeck
- Department of Revenue – Greg DeWitt
- Executive Response – Supplementals and Budget Impact – David Ewer

Montana State Fund Litigation – Potential General Fund Impacts – Kris Wilkinson
(No presentation)

4:30 Pension Plans Unfunded Liability: Where to from Here? – Jon Moe

Impact of Natural Gas Prices on State Agencies: Update – Taryn Purdy (No presentation)

Friday, March 10

Budget Oversight/Monitoring Issues

- 8:00 General Fund Update: 2007 Biennium – Terry Johnson
- 8:30 Public Schools Funding: Update on Special Session Action/Where to From Here?
– Sen. Ryan
- Energy Cost Assistance Program (LIEAP): Executive Action/Impact – Marilyn Daumiller/Roger Lloyd (no presentation)
- 8:45 Governor’s Powers in an Emergency: Title 90 – Kris Wilkinson
- 9:00 SB 495 Revisited: Sale of Common School Trust Mineral Royalties – Roger Lloyd
- 9:30 Management of State Lands: Potential Issues and Committee Action
– Barb Smith, Krista Evans
- 10:00 Department of Public Health and Human Services: Program Issues
- Budget Status: Budget Pressure Points – Lois Steinbeck/Marilyn Daumiller
 - Medicare Part D Implementation – Lois Steinbeck/Department Personnel
 - HIFA Waiver: – Update on Committee workgroup study – Lois Steinbeck
 - Promoting Economic Success for Montana Families: Report on Seminar Results – Lois Steinbeck/Participants
 - Federal Budget Reconciliation Act Changes: Potential Impacts – Marilyn Daumiller, Lois Steinbeck
 - Classification of Certain Costs in the State Accounting System – Lois Steinbeck
- 11:00 Information Technology Draft Strategic Plan Overview – Greg DeWitt, CIO Dick Clark
– Committee Response
- Update re: Status of Purchase of Capital Hill Mall – Cathy Duncan (no presentation)
- 1:00 Committee Information Requests – Taryn Purdy and Staff
- Selected Goals and Objectives Updates (Several Programs)
 - Performance Measurement
 - Judiciary Information Technology
 - Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL – Water)
 - FWP Regional Investigators
 - Subdivision Review Process
 - Forensics Laboratory Study
- 1:30 “Bulldog” Reports
- CHIPS Enrollment Status – Sen. Cooney, Sen. Williams

- Montana State Hospital – Rep. Buzzas, Sen. Laible
- Montana Developmental Center – Sen. Cobb, Sen. Williams
- Secretary of State’s Office re: MITA – Sen. Cooney, Sen. Ryan
- Office of Economic Opportunity – Goals/Obj – Sen. Laible, Sen. Ryan
- Management of State Lands – Sen. Laible, Sen. Cooney, Rep. Ripley

2:15 Other Reports

- Budget Amendments – Greg DeWitt and Staff
- Operating Plan Changes – Taryn Purdy and Staff
- Other Required Reports – Jon Moe

2:45 Information Presentations to Appropriations Subcommittees

- Taryn Purdy/Committee Discussion

3:15 Committee Suggestions for Reports at June LFC Meeting

Administrative

3:30 Progress Report: Dept of Revenue Data Access Issues – Clayton Schenck, Dan Bucks

4:00 Committee Business

Adjourn

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