



# MONTANA LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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DATE: December 7, 2005

TO: Legislative Finance Committee

FROM: Alan Peura, Associate Fiscal Analyst, LFD

RE: Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget (PEPB) Update

The PEPB, a subcommittee of the Interim Committee on Education and Local Government (MCA 5-5-224), met last week, December 1 and began working on the workplan projects adopted in October, which were reported to the LFC at your October meeting.

The subcommittee unanimously approved the attached Shared Policy Goals and Accountability Measures for the Montana University System as well as renewed the attached Agreement with the Montana Board of Regents, agreeing that this shared policy goals document will help guide public policy in regard to postsecondary education in Montana into the 2009 biennium.

The subcommittee intends to use this document to guide their consideration of supporting budget initiatives and potential funding recommendations for HB2 in the 2009 biennium.

**PEPB Sub-Committee Members:**

Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Chair  
Sen. Robert Story, Co-Chair  
Sen. Bob Hawks  
Sen. Jeff Mangan  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen  
Rep. Robin Hamilton  
Rep. Mark Noennig  
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**Ex-Officio Members:**

Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Jan Lombardi, Governor's Education Policy Advisor

**Subcommittee Staff:**

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**Next PEPB Subcommittee Meeting:** Thursday, February 23, 2006 (Joint Meeting with Board of Regents)  
State Capitol, Hearing Room 102

**Subsequent Meetings:** Monday, June 12, 2006  
Thursday, August 17, 2006