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REVISED DRAFT AGENDA
Thursday and Friday, December 8-9, 2011
Room 137, State Capitol

Agenda times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than is indicated.

Thursday, December 8, 2011

- 8:00 1. Call to order -- roll call -- approval of minutes from September 26-27 meeting --
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth, Committee Chair
- 8:05 2. Revenue estimating topics
- a. revenue collections and revenue estimating updates -- **Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division**
 - b. highlights of Federation of Tax Administrators' revenue estimating conference -- **Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division**
 - c. discussion of committee role in revenue estimating process (from December 7 meeting)
 - d. public comment
- 9:15 3. Update on motor vehicle title registration (MERLIN) -- **Tim Burton, Deputy Director, Montana Department of Justice**
- a. public comment
- 10:15 4. Department of Revenue reports -- **Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue**
- a. income tax form update and married filing separately update
 - b. HB 123 implementation (local government budgeting)
 - c. litigation update: Lucas case on agricultural land valuation
 - d. emerging issues
 - e. public comment
- 11:00 5. Department of Transportation reports -- **Tim Reardon, Director, Department of Transportation**
- a. update on Kearl transportation project
 - b. other states' use of computer assisted evaluation of bridges
 - c. enforcement of diesel fuel laws under Title 15, chapter 70, part 3, MCA,

- d. (required report under 61-10-154(8), MCA)
public comment

- 11:30 6. Public comment on any topic within committee's purview
- 11:45 7. Recess to allow members to attend Montana Taxpayers Association annual meeting

Friday, December 9, 2011

- 8:00 1. Call to order -- roll call -- **Rep. Roy Hollandsworth, Committee Chair**
- 8:05 2. Report on working group discussion of revising uniform penalty and interest provisions under 15-1-216, MCA -- **Jeff Martin, Committee staff**
 - a. committee consideration of requesting bill draft
 - b. public comment
- 8:15 3. SJR 17 study of valuing centrally assessed property and industrial property
 - a. review of Montana court decisions and State Tax Appeal Board decisions on centrally assessed property -- **Jaret Coles, staff attorney**
 - b. review of selected western states methods of central assessment of property -- **Jeff Martin**
 - c. Montana statutory provisions related to the valuation of railroads -- **Judy Cummings, Director of Taxes, BNSF; and Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue**
 - d. overview of DOR capitalization rate studies
 - e. committee direction on panel discussion of unitary valuation
 - f. public comment
- 10:15 4. SJR 23 study of tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations -- **Megan Moore, Committee staff**
 - a. analysis of charity/health care and bad debt
 - b. selected states' laws related to multi-factor exemption test, leased real estate, and treatment of commercial property
 - c. annual changes in market value of tax exempt property in seven largest counties -- **Department of Revenue**
 - d. analysis of tax shifting related to nonprofit exemptions
 - e. agricultural land owned by nonprofits held for preserving historical, archeological, or environmental purposes
 - f. public comment

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- 1:15 5. HJR 13 income tax study
- a. Discussion of Montana's income tax structure -- **Joe Shevlin, Montana Society of CPAs**
 - b. effective tax rates related to individual income tax credits -- **Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division**
 - c. cost of selected Montana-specific exclusions and deductions -- **Stephanie Morrison**
 - d. response to questions raised at last meeting -- **Jaret Coles, staff attorney**
 - e. who pays federal and state income taxes -- **Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue**
 - f. public comment
- 3:15 6. Administrative rule review -- **Jaret Coles**
- 3:30 7. Public comment on any other topic within the committee's jurisdiction
- 3:45 8. Other business -- schedule next meeting -- instructions to staff
9. Adjourn

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