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DRAFT AGENDA
Thursday and Friday, February 16-17, 2012
Room 137, State Capitol

Thursday, February 16

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

- 8:00 1. Call to order -- roll call -- approval of minutes from Dec. 8-9 meeting -- **Rep. Roy Hollandsworth, Committee Chair**
- 8:05 2. Logistics and confidentiality statement for tour of DOR income tax processing center -- **Jeff Martin, Committee staff, Alan Peura, Department of Revenue**
- 8:10 3. SJR 17 study of valuing centrally assessed property
- a. overview of unitary valuation and possible study considerations -- **Tom Hamilton, Professor, University of St. Thomas, Opus College of Business**
 - b. update on property taxation trends requested at December meeting -- **Department of Revenue**
 - c. response to public comments on the cap rate study at December meeting -- **Department of Revenue**
 - d. valuation and assessment trends of centrally assessed property and large industrial property since 2005 -- **Department of Revenue**
 - e. description of study to be conducted on the valuation of centrally assessed property for committee consideration -- **Kristin Juras, Professor, University of Montana Law School**
 - f. public comment

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- 11:15 4. Tax increment financing topics
- a. negative tax increment in TIF district that has more than one school district from December meeting -- **Department of Revenue**
 - b. use of funds related to terminated Billings TIF district from December meeting -- **Department of Revenue**

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- 1:00 5. Bill draft to revise uniform tax penalty and interest provisions -- **Jeff Martin**
 - a. preliminary fiscal impact of revision -- **Department of Revenue**
 - b. public comment
- 1:30 6. HJR 13 income tax study
 - a. overview of selected states' income tax structure -- **Jaret Coles, Staff Attorney**
 - b. update on effective individual income tax rates with and without credits -- **Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division**
 - c. overview of effective tax rates of married taxpayers by filing status and review of previous analysis of requiring joint filing -- **Stephanie Morrison**
 - d. committee discussion of additional analysis
 - e. public comment
- 2:45 7. Public comment on any matter within the purview of the committee
- 3:00 8. Tour Department of Revenue Income Tax Processing Center

Friday, February 17

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- 8:00 1. Call to order -- roll call -- **Rep. Roy Hollandsworth, Committee Chair**
- 8:05 2. Department of Transportation Reports -- **Tim Reardon, Director, Montana Department of Transportation**
 - a. HB 142 review of Advisory Council for Scenic-historic Byways program
 - i. committee discussion of whether to retain or eliminate
 - b. Rail Service Competition Council
 - c. update on federal funding of transportation
 - d. update on Shiloh road construction project in Billings
 - e. public comment
- 9:00 3. Revenue collection report -- **Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division**
 - a. public comment
- 9:40 4. Revenue estimating process options discussed by representatives of Legislative Council, Legislative Finance Committee, & RTIC -- **Jeff Martin**
 - a. RTIC members' discussion -- **Sen. Jim Peterson and Sen. Christine Kaufmann**
 - b. public comment

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- 10:30 5. SJR 23 Study of tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations

- a. Attorney General's *Montana Hospitals* report -- **Lawrence L. White, School of Public and Community Health Sciences**
- b. updated analysis of charity care/bad debt - -**Megan Moore, Committee staff**
- c. information on Medicaid and Medicare unreimbursed costs -- **Megan Moore**
- d. information on number of parcels granted property tax exemptions since 2003 -- **Department of Revenue**
- e. nonprofit agricultural property eligibility for exemption -- **Department of Revenue**
- f. committee discussion of selecting panelists for April meeting
- g. public comment

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- 1:00 6. Continuation of SJR 23 study (if necessary)
- 1:45 7. Administrative rule review -- **Jaret Coles, staff attorney**
 - a. public comment
- 2:00 8. Department of Revenue reports -- **Dan Bucks**
 - a. preparation for income tax season
 - b. emerging issues
 - c. public comment
- 2:45 9. Public comment on any topic within the purview of the committee
- 3:00 10. Other business, member topics, schedule next meeting, reschedule July meeting
- 11. Adjourn

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