



OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER STATE OF MONTANA

MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION BRIEFING
February 24, 2014 meeting

LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE INTERIM ACTIVITY

Law and Justice Interim Committee

- Planned meetings for 2014: February 13-14, April 25, June 26-27 and August 22.
- Work plan for OPD: Agency legislation, monitor operations, and review required reports.
- Reports: The Commission submits its annual report to the Governor, Supreme Court and Legislature before the end of the calendar year.

Legislative Finance Committee

- Planned meetings for 2014: March 13-14, June 5-6, and November 12.
- Work plan for OPD: Monitor agency expenditures against appropriations, review employee turnover, and hear updates on capital case expenditures.
- Reports: On September 30 the agency submitted the net case, case duration, and collection/assessment reports.

64th Legislative Session and Budget Process (working backwards in time)

- Session begins: January 2015 and usually progresses through April
- Governor's budget due to legislature: Usually in the November-December 2014 timeframe
- Commission/Agency personnel meet with the Budget Office in September-October 2014
- Final Commission-approved budget submitted to the Budget Office in August 2014
- Draft Commission-approved budget submitted to the Budget Office by April 2014