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To: State-Tribal Relations Committee Members
From: Hope Stockwell, Research Analyst
Re: July 9-10 meeting in Browning

Welcome to the State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee. To help you prepare for our July 9-10 meeting, please review this memo and the enclosed materials beforehand. Also, please bring this packet with you to the meeting. The meeting will be held in the upstairs conference room of the Glacier Peaks Casino in Browning.

At this meeting, you will elect your chair and vice chair, select the studies you wish to undertake, prioritize future meeting agenda items, meet in a joint session with members of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, and receive other informational updates.

The following meeting materials are included in the enclosed binder:

- draft agenda
- minutes from the September 2014 STRC meeting for approval (Tab 1)
- Legislative Council rules for interim committees for approval (Tab 2)
- STRC chair and vice chair history (Tab 3)
- draft work plan, draft decision matrix, and reservation visit rotation information (Tab 4)
- draft letter to OPI about implementation of language immersion program funding (Tab 5)
- 2015 legislative summary related to State-Tribal Relations (Tab 6)

Also enclosed, please find a brochure about demographic and economic information for the Blackfeet Reservation and a flyer for the Blackfeet North American Indian Days celebration taking place July 9-12. On Friday, July 10, the STRC meeting concludes at 10:30 a.m. to allow interested committee members to attend the Blackfeet Tribe's dedication of a bridge in East Glacier.

The last item included in this mailing is a copy of a 1995 publication by the STRC's predecessor entitled "The Tribal Nations of Montana: A Handbook for Legislators." Please review this handbook, as we will discuss whether the STRC would like to update its contents as part of its work plan this interim.

Feel free to contact me with questions at any time. I look forward to seeing you in Browning!

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