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AGENDA

(Updated March 5, 2026)

March 9 and 10, 2026

State Capitol, Room 152 and Zoom

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March 9, 2026

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
Chair Jodee Etchart

9:05 a.m. **1. Agency Oversight – Department of Public Health and Human Services**
Charlie Brereton, Director

- Department presentation
- Public comment* on department presentation (**see page 4*)
- Committee discussion and questions

11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m. **2. HJ 26 – Guardianship Issues in the Patient Discharge Process**
Amy Ready, RN, Director of Care Management – Billings Clinic

- Presentation
- Public comment* on guardianship issues in the patient discharge process (**see page 4*)
- Committee discussion and questions

12:15 p.m. **3. Public comment*** on any matter within the scope of the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee that is not on this agenda. (**see page 4*)
This is the first of two general public comment periods. The second is scheduled on March 10, 2026.

- 12:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m.** **4. Agency Oversight – Administrative Rule Review**
Emily McKay, Staff Attorney
- Presentation
 - Public comment* on administrative rule review (**see page 4*)
 - Committee discussions and questions
- 2:30 p.m.** **5. HJ 26 – Review of Provisional Draft Legislation**
Milly Allen, Research Analyst
- Review of second provisional draft (HJ26 1.2) and legislative considerations worksheet
 - Public comment* on provisional draft legislation (**see page 4*)
 - Committee discussion, questions, and edits
- 3:30 p.m.** **6. SJ 48 – Marijuana Public Health and Safety Data: Snapshot of Key Sources**
Milly Allen, Research Analyst
- Presentation
 - Public comment* on marijuana public health/safety data sources (**see page 4*)
 - Committee discussions and questions
- 4:30 p.m.** **Break**
- 4:45 p.m.** **7. Work Session (1 of 2)**
Chair Jodee Etchart
- Additional changes to HJ26 1.2
 - Discussion of today’s agenda items
 - Additional discussion
 - Direction to staff
- 5:30 p.m.** **Recess** until March 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
The committee reconvenes in Room 152.

March 10, 2026

- 9:00 a.m.** **Meeting Reconvenes**
Chair Jodee Etchart
- 9:05 a.m.** **8. SJ 48 – Tobacco and Marijuana Funds**
Joseph Baan, Fiscal Analyst – Legislative Fiscal Division
Stacy Campbell, Administrator – Public Health and Safety Division, DPHHS
- Presentation
 - Marijuana Revenue Fund (*Mr. Baan*)
 - Master Settlement Agreement (*Ms. Campbell*)
 - Public comment* on tobacco and marijuana funds (**see page 4*)
 - Committee discussion and questions

- 10:30 a.m.** **9. SJ 13 – Montana’s Statewide Public Safety Communications System**
Laura Schultz, Administrator – Montana Emergency Communications Program, DOJ
Jamin Howell, Technical Manager – Montana Emergency Communications Program, DOJ
- Presentation
 - Public comment* on the public safety communications system (*see page 4)
 - Committee discussions and questions
- 11:30 a.m.** **10. SJ 48 – Risk vs. Odds in Public Health Research**
Milly Allen, Research Analyst
- Presentation
 - Public comment* on risks/odds in public health research (*see page 4)
 - Committee discussions and questions
- 11:45 a.m.** **11. Public comment*** on any matter within the scope of the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee that is not on this agenda. (*see page 4)
This is the second of two general public comment periods. The first is scheduled on March 9, 2026.
- 12:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.** **12. SJ 48 – Health Impacts of Marijuana Use: Research Summary**
Milly Allen, Research Analyst
- Presentation
 - Public comment* on health impacts of marijuana use (*see page 4)
 - Committee discussions and questions
- 2:00 p.m.** **13. Work Session (2 of 2)**
Chair Jodee Etchart
- Discussion of agenda items from March 9 and 10
 - Future agenda items – Ms. Allen
 - Direction to staff
 - Legislation
 - Requests for agenda items
 - Requests for information
 - Study findings and recommendations
 - Additional discussion
- 4:30 p.m.** **Adjourn**
Next meeting: May 5, 2026

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