

Legislative Update

Legislative Process

MUS website for Legislature 2009 (link on <u>www.mus.edu</u>)

- Campuses encouraged to link to this site
- Includes bills of interest, weekly updates, & legislative links
- Daily meetings at Commissioner's Office
- Regular meetings with Executive and Legislative staff
- Exceptional group of students both interns & lobbyists



Education Subcommittee Presentations

- Overview presentation focuses on Enrollment, Budget, & System Initiatives; highlights:
 - Enrollment: High school enrollment began declining in 1999, since then, MUS resident FTE increased by 1,700
 - **Budget:** in constant dollars state appropriations per resident student FTE have dropped from \$8,500 in 1992 to \$5,900 in 2009
 - Initiatives: Transferability, Distance Learning, & 2-year Education
- Individual campus presentations to highlight accomplishments in relation to MUS Strategic Plan
- Schedule:
 - January 21th
 - January 22nd
 - January 23rd

MUS and CC's UM & agencies MSU & agencies, OCHE



Bills of Interest (top 12)

- **HB 2** General appropriations act
- HB 5 Long-range building and planning (LRBP) (LC's for bonded constructions)
- HB 13 Pay Plan
- **HB 87** Increase in optional retirement program
- **HB 96** Dentist incentive program
- **SB 41** Clarify community college district approval process
- **SJ 2** Study community college establishment process
- SJ 12 Approve Bitterroot Valley Community College
- **SB 80** Elect Board of Regents
- SJ 3 Interim study to consider establishment of Montana Scholarship Program
- **SJ 8** Urge development of K-20 shared policy goals
- **SJ 9** Study student loan system

MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM



2011 Governor's Proposed Budget

