

## **MONTANA LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION**

**DRAFT 2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2017 BIENNIUM:** Final due September 1, 2014

**Mission:** We are committed to enhancing the legislative process through understandable and objective fiscal policy analysis and information.

**Goal 1:** Communicate with legislators to better meet mission

- Improved outreach to legislators both in person and on the web
  - Objective 1: Annual trips to communities around the state to explain financial status of the state
  - Objective 2: Increase web hits by 20% from FY 2014 to FY 2016
- Improved training of legislators through any of the following:
  - Orientation training
  - Brown bags during session
  - Continue to improve educational materials
  - Video clips

**Goal 2:** Continuously invest in staff for these skills:

1. Independent: non-partisan and independent from executive
2. Knowledgeable and highly technically skilled
  - a. Accounting/Legal
  - b. Programmatic and statutory understanding
  - c. Computer systems, data sets, and tools
3. Able to perform rigorous analysis that with stands scrutiny
  - a. Forecasting and modeling
  - b. Fiscal Policy
4. Communication skills: Informative, efficient, and understandable
5. Adaptable to the changing legislative environment

**Strategies for goal 2:**

Continue to develop peer review process

Continuous staff training NCSL and other national organizations and internal

Quarterly Budget Status Report

Encourage participation in user groups and other professional groups