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Goverment study workshop planned

Representatives from 112 areas in Montana will attend a workshop here December 15-16 to launch a two-year study of local governments. Lt. Governor Dennis Rehberg will be a featured speaker at the training session sponsored by the Local Government Center at Montana State University-Bozeman.

"The elected or appointed study commissioners attending this workshop represent the 33 counties and 79 municipalities that voted to undertake a Local Government Review," says Kenneth Weaver, director of the MSU Local Government Center.

Panelist discussing "Is Montana Local Government Ready for the 21st Century" will be Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities & Towns; Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties; and Newell Anderson, Montana Department of Commerce.

Small group discussions on different types of local government structures will be:

County commission - Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties; Jane Jelinski, Gallatin County; Janet Kelly, Custer County; Fred Weiler, Stillwater County.

Commission-executive - Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities & Towns; Mayor George Kurkowski, Miles City; Mayor Phyllis Leonard, Havre.

Commission-manager - Bill Verwolk, Helena city manager; Roger Hopkins, Columbia Falls city manager; Mayor Dick Larson, Billings; Marcia Youngman, Bozeman commissioner.

Discussing "Voter Review Lessons Learned in 1974 and 1984" will be Toni Hagener, Hill County; Jack Haffey, Anaconda-Deer Lodge; Janet Kelly, Miles City; James Goehrung, Bozeman.

Other presentations will be given by Paul Luwe, Bozeman city attorney; Betty McCoy, MSU Extension; Jim Lopach, University of Montana-Missoula; Craig Wilson, Montana State University-Billings; and Judy Mathre, MSU Local Government Center.

Those elected from Dillon to review city government include Ken Reeder, Marty Maleisch and Cindy Eccleston.

Those elected to represent Beaverhead County include Ted Hazelbaker, Susie Rebish and Chuck Cook.