



## Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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## Potential Upcoming Legislation from agencies monitored by the EAIC

### Department of Labor and Industry

- UI Integrity legislation required by Public Law 112-40
- Revise unemployment insurance operations to improve efficiency
- Revise definition of total unemployment by deleting the words "two times" and replacing with "150% of"
- Provide for an exception to mandatory construction industry workers' compensation in Montana if an Extraterritorial Agreement between MT and a neighboring state provides for the exclusion
- Revise the Uninsured Employers' Fund to clarify that the UEF is not an insurer and not subject to the same provisions as insurers
- Requiring contractors and subcontractors working on state public works contracts for construction services to document a commitment to occupational safety on those contracts
- Provide for a cease and desist order for unregistered construction contractors and strengthening the interest and lien penalty provisions for CR and IC
- Clarify the wage and payment act regarding the period in which an employee may recover wages
- Provide for enforcement of unlicensed practice for the Board of Plumbing, the Electrical Board, and Realty Regulation
- Generally revise funeral board statutes
- Combined Business Standards Division bill to address reorganization and other minor matters
- Revise Apprenticeship and Training statutes to comply with federal regulations

### Department of Livestock

- A bill to allow for a grace period on rerecording of brands. February 2010 audit finding.

**State Auditor's Office** (no official list was available prior to sending the packet. The bill mentioned below has been reviewed and suggested by an advisory council.)

- A bill establishing a Patient-Centered Medical Home Commission, with oversight by the State Auditor.

### Department of Agriculture

- Rename "agriculture in Montana schools" to the "Montana agriculture literacy program (15-30-2388 and 15-30-2389)

### Department of Commerce

- Revise the Big Sky Trust Fund wage rates similar to the way that the Primary Sector Workforce Training wage rates were changed to the average county wage or 170% of the Montana current minimum wage, whichever is lower.
- Revise the Primary Sector Workforce Training Program to clean up inconsistencies.