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Economic Affairs Interim Committee Agenda

July 14-15, 2014

Room 137

All times are tentative. An issue may be discussed earlier or later than listed.

Questions from the Committee are included in the timeframes provided.

July 14, 2014, Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. 1. Welcome -- Call to Order - Roll Call -- Introduction -- Sen. Tutvedt
- 9:05 a.m. 2. Overview of Governor's Budget Perspectives on Livestock and other departments
-- Dan Villa, Office of Budget and Program Planning
- 9:15 a.m. 3. Updates on Board of Livestock/Department of Livestock
- a) Overview of Department of Livestock's financial problems
 - Summary of Legislative Audit--Karen Simpson
 - Comments from Executive Officer Christian Mackay
 - Comments by Board of Livestock Chair Jan French
 - George Harris--Overview of Livestock Department Budget
 - b) Per Capita Fees vs. Alternate Approach to Funding Department of Livestock?
 - Introduction by Rep. Greg Hertz
 - How Department of Revenue Collects Fees Now and Proposed Changes
 - Mike Kadas, Director, and Alan Peura, Deputy, Dept. of Revenue
 - Panel Discussion: (all proposed) Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Montana Farmers Union, Montana Wool Growers Association, Montana Livestock Market Association representatives
 - Public Comment*
 - c) Overview of Current Status of Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, the Agriculture Analytical Laboratory, and the Wildlife Laboratory - Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
 - d) **Panel Discussion of Possible Solutions:**
 - Bob Lashaway, Montana State University Facilities and Planning, and Tracy Ellig, Communications Director, MSU
 - Dr. Bill Layton, Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
 - Christian Mackay, executive director, Department of Livestock
 - Mike Volesky, Deputy Director, FWP, and Neil Anderson, Wildlife Lab director
 - Greg Ames, Department of Agriculture for Analytical Lab at MSU
 - Public Comment*
 - e) 12-Day Milk Rule Followup
 - Presentation on White Paper, Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
- 12:30 p.m. 4. Committee Discussion of Department of Livestock Issues -- Working Lunch
Overview of Legislative Responsibilities Regarding Agency Monitoring - Bart



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- Campbell
1:30 p.m.
5. Agency Monitoring -- Department of Labor and Industry Unemployment Insurance
a) Overview of Proposed Changes -- Mike Cooney, Workforce Services Administrator
b) Panel Discussion of Concerns
-- Glenn Oppel, Chamber of Commerce Representative
-- Jay Reardon, Laborers Local 1686
Public Comment
- 2:45 p.m.
6. Public Comment on any issue under the Economic Affairs Committee purview
- 3:00 p.m.
7. Agency Monitoring -- Department of Labor and Industry Licensing Boards
a) Panel on Enterprise Funds
-- Julie Feldman, Department of Administration
-- Adam de Yong, Department of Labor and Industry
Public Comment
- 3:30 p.m.
- b) Contingency Fee, Board Retention of Fines, Other Budgeting/Regulatory Options
-- Carol Tellinghuisen, South Dakota Board of Audiologists and Hearing Aid
Dispensers -- A Contractor Approach (by phone)
-- Adam de Yong, Department of Labor and Industry
-- Chris Manos, State Bar of Montana -- A Different Approach
- 4:30 p.m.
- c) Followup to Financially Troubled Programs / Boards
-- Adam de Yong review of:
-- Athletics Program
-- Board of Funeral Services
-- Board of Private Alternative Adolescent Residential Outdoor Programs
-- Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers
-- Roy Kemp for DPHHS
Public Comment after each
- d) Suggestions for HB 525 Final Report -- Overview by Pat Murdo, EAIC staff
- 5:15 p.m.
8. Review of Bill Draft on raw honey recommended in the HB 630 Study
on Cottage Food Laws
Public Comment
Committee Action - Request Bill Draft?
- 5:30 p.m.
11. Recess until 8 a.m. July 15

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July 15, 2014, Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. 1. Welcome -- Call to Order - Roll Call -- Introduction -- Sen. Tutvedt
- 8:05 a.m. 2. Followup to HJR 25 - Montana State Fund Restructuring
- a) Discussion of LAD audit functions and other activities regarding Montana State Fund
-- Tori Hunthausen, Legislative Auditor
 - b) Update on Class Codes and Expansion of Private Insurers' Options
-- Representative of State Auditor's Office
 - c) Review Bill Draft, LC0msf, and Discuss moving investigative/prosecution functions from Department of Justice to State Auditor's Office as indicated in bill draft LC3msf
-- Comments from Laurence Hubbard, Montana State Fund, and Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor's Office
- Public Comment*
Committee Action - Changes to Bill Draft?
- 10:00 a.m. 3. Followup to HJR 25 - Subrogation Panel Discussing Bill Draft Options
- Marv Jordan, Montana Contractors Compensation Fund
 - Oliver Goe, attorney representing Montana Self-Insurers' Association (proposed)
 - Dick Martin, attorney representing injured workers
- Public Comment*
Committee Action - Bill Draft?
- 11:00 a.m. 4. HJR 25 Panel Discussion: Occupational Health and Safety: State or Federal?
- Gregory Baxter, Federal OSHA Representative (by phone or equivalent)
 - Diana Ferriter, Employment Relations, Department of Labor and Industry
 - Krista Lee Evans, for Montana Grain Elevators Association
 - Glenn Oppel, for Montana Chamber of Commerce
 - Lance Zanto, State Workers' Compensation Bureau
 - Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers (invited)
- 12:15 p.m. 5. Working Lunch -- Tax Credit Assessment by Category
--Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division
- 1:30 p.m. 6. Loss Run Insurance Information -- Overview of Industry Issues
- Introduction of Loss Run Insurance Issue - Rep. Tom Berry
 - Explanation of Loss Run Insurance Information - Adam Schafer, State Auditor's Office
 - Industry Concerns in Montana - Bob Biskupiak, Independent Insurance Agents
 - Workers' Compensation Concerns -- Laurence Hubbard, Montana State Fund CEO

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- 2:00 p.m. 7. Update from State Auditor's Office on Health Insurer Survey regarding Exchange Policies
-- Adam Schafer, deputy auditor
- 2:15 p.m. 8. Presentation/Discussion on Drug Registry/ Work Comp Use
--Overview of Drug Registry - Marcie Bough, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy
--Workers' Compensation Bureau's Medical Director Dr. Carla Huitt
- 2:45 p.m. 9. Public Comment on any item not scheduled for action on the agenda that is under the Committee's purview
- 3:00 p.m. 10. Reports from Legislative Liaisons to Montana State Fund, Rail Services Competition Council
- 3:15 p.m. 11. Rule Review
- 3:30 p.m. 12. Review of September 12 final meeting agenda items.
Letter to Legislative Council regarding budget. **Committee Action.**
Directions to staff.
- Adjourn

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