



## Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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### 63rd Montana Legislature

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as of Sept. 11, 2014

### Economic Affairs Interim Committee September 12, 2014, Room 137, State Capitol

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

Questions from the Committee are included in the timeframes provided.

- 8:15 a.m. Call to order. Roll Call. - Sen. Tutvedt
- 8:20 a.m. Public comment on any issue under the Committee's purview
- 8:30 a.m. Presentation of the Actuarial Review of Montana State Fund done for Montana's Insurance Commissioner - Dan Reppert, Financial Risk Analysts, LLC
- Response by Montana State Fund - President and CEO Laurence Hubbard
- 9:15 a.m. Discussion of Montana State Fund Regulation under the Insurance Commissioner  
-- Laurence Hubbard of Montana State Fund  
-- Jesse Laslovich of the Insurance Commissioner's Office
- Committee discussion of Draft [LC0msf](#) transferring Montana State Fund to State Auditor  
**Public Comment**
- Committee discussion a Study Bill, LCfrod on Fraud Investigation/Prosecution related to Workers' Compensation  
**Public Comment**  
**Committee Action** - [LC0msf](#) and [LCfrod](#)
- 10:45 a.m. Discussion of possible HJR 25-related Committee Bills, Findings for EAIC Final Report Bills:
- [rehabilitation benefit revisions](#) for workers' compensation (Labor-Management Advisory Council);
  - assignment of [temporary workers' compensation judge](#);
  - revision in choice of treating physician
- Findings for HJR 25 report
- 11:15 a.m. Agency Legislation Review - Introduction by Pat Murdo of Legislative Council Guidelines  
The process will start with a presentation by the Agency Head, followed by questions from the Committee, Public Comment, and **Committee Action to Approve Early Drafting**
- ✓ State Auditor's Office - Monica Lindeen, State Auditor (15 bills)
- Working Lunch**
- 12:15 p.m. ✓ Department of Labor and Industry - Commissioner Pam Bucy and Adam de Yong of the Business Standards Division (about 9 department bills and possibly 22 board bills)
- 1:15 p.m. Reports to Legislature for Banking and Financial Institutions --  
[BIDCO report](#) from Melanie Hall, Commissioner of Banking and Financial Institutions
- 1:20 p.m. Resume Agency Legislation Review

- ✓ Commissioner of Banking and Financial Institutions -- Melanie Hall (4 bills)
    - General Banking Bill
    - Credit Union Bill
    - Mortgage Bill Housekeeping Updates
    - Non-depository lenders (deferred deposit lenders)
- 1:45 p.m. ✓ Department of Agriculture - Ron de Yong, director (4 bills)
- 2:20 p.m. ✓ Department of Livestock - Christian Mackay, executive officer (1 bill on feral hogs)
- 2:30 p.m. ✓ Department of Commerce-Meg O'Leary, Director (5 bills, one of which is separately part of an EQC study and is being handled by EQC so it is information only)
  - Extend sunset for economic development financing in 15-35-108, MCA
  - Allow Dept. of Revenue to provide tax lien/ penalty data to Dept. of Commerce
  - Repeal 60-2-243, MCA, requiring the Dept. of Commerce to work with the Dept. of Transportation in erecting signs for Visitor Information Centers
  - Revise Montana Heritage Commission laws (EQC doing as committee bill)
  - Reauthorize the Big Sky on the Big Screen Act
- The following agencies assigned to the Economic Affairs Committee may have legislation requests but are unlikely to do so:
- ✓ The Governor's Office of Economic Development
  - ✓ Montana State Fund
- 3:00 p.m. Reports to Legislature for Department of Commerce Programs, Doug Mitchell, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce
  - Federal Land Management Review Requests (per 90-1-182, MCA)
  - Quality Schools Facility Grant Program (T 90, ch. 6, part 8)
  - Distressed Wood Products Industry Revolving Loan Program Report (per 90-1-503)
  - Board of Housing Veterans' Home Loan Mortgage Program (per 90-6-604, MCA)
  - Board of Research and Commercialization Technology Report (per 90-3-1006, MCA)
  - State Tribal Economic Development Commission Biennium Report (90-1-132, MCA)
- 3:30 p.m. Updates on Veterinary Diagnostic Lab - Health and Brucella Tests, Construction Costs  
Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, Department of Livestock  
**Public Comment**  
Committee Discussion, **Committee Action** on Letter
- 4:00 p.m. Livestock Loss Board  
George Edwards, Department of Livestock
- 4:15 p.m. Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission Report  
Elijah Allen, Executive Director
- 4:45 p.m. HB 142 votes to recommend retaining, removing or revising statutory advisory councils and required reports - Review by Pat Murdo  
**Public Comment, Committee Action** on advisory councils and required reports
- 5:00 p.m. Discussion of Requested Committee Bills on:
  - Raw Honey, [LCpooh](#)
  - Loss-Run Insurance, [LCloss](#)**Public Comment, Committee Action** -- Appointment of Bill Sponsors  
Resume Discussion of Possible Committee Bills on:
  - [per capita](#) livestock fees (Revenue and Transportation Committee OK'd early drafting);
  - [OSHA](#) as a state-run program
  - co-committee [bill](#) with Children/Families on revising/extending prescription drug registry (or letter indicating support for the bill)

- co-committee [bill](#) with State Administration and Veterans Affairs on a bill to move the State Lottery from the SAVA duties to the Economic Affairs Committee duties
- licensing board financing options (requested as Committee bill by Dept. Labor/Industry);
- Revision of Private Alternative Adolescent Residential Outdoor Programs  
**Public Comment, Committee Action** -- Appointment of Bill Sponsors

- 5:15 p.m. Review of HB 525 Report on Licensing Boards - Pat Murdo, legislative staff  
Public Comment  
**Committee action** -- *HB 525 Report (Recommendations, Revisions, Inclusions, Deletions)*
- 5:30 p.m. Review of Overall 2013-2014 Committee Report DRAFT  
Public Comment  
**Committee action** -- Overall Report (*Recommendations, Revisions, Inclusions, Deletions*)
- 5:50 p.m. Rule Review - Todd Everts, Legislative Services chief legal counsel
- 6:00 p.m. Directions to Staff. Turn in Evaluation Forms. Adjourn.

*If you plan to attend the meeting and need services or accommodations for a disability, please contact Pat Murdo by email at [pmurdo@mt.gov](mailto:pmurdo@mt.gov) or Kristina Liming at 406-444-9541 at least 3 working days before the meeting.*