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March 30 and 31, 2010, Room 137, State Capitol -- starting at 10:15 a.m. March 30**

**Subcommittee meeting on HIPAA and Work Comp starts at 8 a.m. March 30

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

Questions from the Committee are included in the timeframes provided.

- 10:15 a.m. Greetings, Roll Call - Chairman Keane
Action Item: Adoption of written Economic Affairs Committee minutes from Jan. 2010
- 10:20 a.m. Overview of Agenda - Pat Murdo, staff
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation of SJR 14 Report on Selected State Laboratories in Bozeman and Helena
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services
- 11:00 a.m. Response from Departments of Livestock, Agriculture, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, and Health
and Human Services
- 11:45 a.m. Public Comment on SJR 14 Report
- 11:55 a.m. Update on Brucellosis Work Group Issues
Sen. Debby Barrett, Christian Mackay for DOL, Ken McDonald for FWP
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Public Comment on Brucellosis Issues
- 2:00 p.m. **Discussion/Possible Action by Committee on SJR 14 Report and Work Group
Recommendations**
- 2:15 p.m. Citizen Concerns about Outfitters' or Guides' Application Process
Rob Arnaud, Greg Gilchrist, Karen Hooker
- 2:45 p.m. Board of Outfitters - Monitoring of Application Process and Rules
Jack Kane, Division Administrator, and staff for Board of Outfitters
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:10 p.m. Board of Dentistry - Concerns about Additional Sites for Hygienists' Limited Access Permits
Rep. Roberts
Jack Kane, Division Administrator, and staff for Board of Dentistry
- 3:45 p.m. Overview of Workers' Compensation Benefits in Montana
Ann Clayton, consultant to the Department of Labor and Industry
- 4:30 p.m. SJR 30 - Work Comp Injured Workers/Attorney Representatives - Concerns about Benefits
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Economic Affairs Committee 2nd Day Agenda, March 31

- 8:00 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call - Chairman Keane
- 8:10 a.m. Update on State Fund Regulation in Other States - Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
- 8:30 a.m. Medical Care Access for Injured Workers in Montana
Ann Clayton, consultant to Department of Labor and Industry
- 9:00 a.m. Reports from Labor Management Advisory Council (LMAC) members on:
★ Course and Scope
★ Claim Closure
★ Claim Settlements
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Review of Other Work Comp Issues That LMAC Planning/ Not Planning to Review/Recommend
Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
- 10:30 a.m. Presumptive Illness -- Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen's Association
Relationship of Attorney Fees to Medical Payments (Lockhart Liens)
Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund
- 11:00 a.m. Overview of Medical Fee Schedules
Jerry Keck, Department of Labor and Industry
- 11:15 a.m. Update on Utilization and Treatment Guidelines
Dr. Alan Dacre, chair of the Medical Panel on Utilization and Treatment Guidelines
Jerry Keck, Department of Labor and Industry
- 11:45 a.m. Public Comment on Utilization and Treatment Guidelines
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Overview of Montana's Work Comp System - Mike Taylor, NCCI
- 1:45 p.m. Public Comment on any item on the agenda or any other issue under the committee's purview
- 2:00 p.m. Review of Subcommittee's Discussion on HIPAA, Return to Work, and MT Work Comp Laws
Rep. Hunter and Rep. Roberts
- 2:30 p.m. ***Committee Discussion on Which SJR 30 Elements the Committee wants to Address***
- 2:45 p.m. Rule Review -- Bart Campbell, Staff Attorney
- 3:00 p.m. Committee Next Steps, Information Requests, Action on Any Items on the Agenda,
Confirmation of Next Meeting Date(s) -- May 25 (and May 26?).
- 3:15 p.m. Adjourn

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