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First meeting: October 12, 2005

- 9:00 a.m. Introductions
- 9:10 a.m. Overview of performance audit of professional and occupational licensing boards
-- Angus Maciver, Legislative Auditor's Office
-- Questions --
- 9:25 a.m. Overview of boards and programs
-- Jim Brown, Department of Labor and Industry, Business Standards Div.
-- Questions --
- 9:45 a.m. Respondents on the following questions:
- A) Can improvements be made in reference to types of boards to better meet public health, safety, welfare issues -- title or title/practice boards, quasi-judicial boards, or boards' administrative attachment?
- B) How can membership composition be improved or revised to better address boards' public health, welfare, safety mandate? -- ratio of specialists on multispecialization boards and number of public members?
- C) Can changes be made to improve administrative attachment -- this section (2-15-121, MCA) affects staffing, budgeting, rule adoption, quasi-judicial and quasi-legislative functions as well as report submission and representation.
- 11:30 a.m. Discuss dividing into further study groups as needed to address the following policies at a later date:
- a) ways to improve investigations and enforcement/discipline
- b) whether statutes need to be refined to address regulation of profession as well as practitioners
- c) whether the role of a board (or all boards) should go beyond licensing and discipline to include the providing of continuing ed, impairment programs
- d) whether scope of practice issues can be better addressed in other ways, as through umbrella boards
- e) how to deal with future board creation/dissolution.
- 11:45 Public Comment