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February 12-13, 2020

Room 137 of the State Capitol

Helena, Montana

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- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Notifications and Public Comment Guidelines** --
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, Presiding Officer
- 9:05 a.m. **A. Assigned Duties - Monitoring Agencies**
1. Introduction - Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
 2. a) **Department of Agriculture** - Director Ben Thomas
b) Committee Questions
c) Public Comment
- 9:30 a.m. 3. a) **Department of Commerce** - Director Tara Rice
b) Committee Questions
c) Public Comment
- 10:00 a.m. **B. Assigned Studies**
- SJR 24: Lodging Facility Use Tax**
1. a) Overview of Grant-Making Process for Department of Commerce/Local Tourism Groups - Pat Murdo, EAIC staff
b) Committee Questions
 2. a) Overview of Industry-Specific Interests and Recommendations - Matt Sease, past chair, Montana Lodging & Hospitality Association
b) Committee Questions
 3. a) Panel Discussion on Ways to Improve Current Process
-- Representative of Tourism Advisory Council, Katie Grice
-- Representative of Glacier Region - Racene Friede, Executive Director
-- Representative of Central Montana Region - Gayle Fisher, Executive Director
-- Representatives of Convention and Tourism Bureaus
-- John Laney, Miles City Chamber of Commerce/CVB
-- Marysue Costello, West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce
-- Representative of Indian Country, Heather Sobrepena (proposed)

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- b) Public Comment
- c) Committee Questions
- 4. Possible Committee Action

Noon (Lunch on Own)

1:15 p.m. **C. Assigned Duties - Public Comment**
-- Public Comment on any issue not on the agenda but under EAIC purview

1:20 p.m. **D. Assigned Duties - Monitoring Agencies**
1. a) Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control - Becky Schlauch, Administrator
b) Committee Questions
c) Public Comment
d) Possible Committee Action

2:00 p.m. **E. Member Issues - Revisions to Alcohol Code**
1. Overview of Alcohol Laws in Selected States (*and Proposed Changes*)
a) Report from Jameson Walker, EAIC staff attorney
b) Committee Questions
2. a) Update from Stakeholders' Group - Darryl James, facilitator
b) Committee Questions
3) Work Session on Alcohol Law Changes
a) Proposals, Discussion of Options
b) Public Comment
c) Committee Questions
d) Possible Committee Action

Recess for Tour of Liquor Warehouse (individual transportation to 2517 Airport Road)

Notes:

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