



# Economic Affairs Interim Committee

66th Montana Legislature

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As of June 26, 2020

## Economic Affairs Interim Committee REVISED Agenda

June 30, 2020

Room 152 at the State Capitol with some participants meeting via Zoom teleconference

(An agenda item may be later or earlier than reflected.)

- 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. Emerging Issues: Review of Selected COVID-19 Impacts on Montana**
1. Update on Applications/Distribution of Grants under COVID-19 State Assistance
    - a. Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning
    - b. Committee Questions
  2. Update from the Department of Agriculture on agricultural grants
    - a. Ben Thomas, Director, Department of Agriculture
    - b. Committee Questions
  3. Update from the Department of Livestock on food production chain
    - a. Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer, Board of Livestock
    - b. Committee Questions
  4. Other Economic Impacts of COVID-19
    - a. Tourism - Norma Nickerson, Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research
    - b. Employment - Scott Eychner, Department of Labor and Industry
    - c. Montana's Economy - Patrick Barkey, Bureau of Business and Economic Research
    - d. Insurance - Bob Biskupiak, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, State Auditor's Office
    - e. Hospitality Industry - Steve Wahrlich, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
  5. Actions by Other States on Business Liability Options
    - a. Jameson Walker, EAIC Staff Attorney
    - b. Committee Questions
  6. Public Comment
  7. Committee Recommendations (Possible Action)
- 10:45 a.m. **B. Assigned Studies: SJ 24 - Lodging Facility Use Tax**
1. Introduction - Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
  2. Recommendations from Tourism/Hospitality Industry
    - a. Steve Wahrlich, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
    - b. Member of the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission  
-- Shawn Real Bird, chairman (invited)
    - c. Jennifer Pelej, Department of Commerce
  3. Review Draft of Final Report and Recommendation Options
    - a. Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
    - b. Questions from the Committee
  4. Public Comment
  5. Questions from the Committee
  6. Discuss/Develop Recommendations (for legislation/final report)/Committee Action?

*Working Lunch*

- 1:00 p.m. **C. Public Comment:** Any Issue Under the EAIC's Purview (and not on agenda)
- 1:15 p.m. **D. Assigned Studies: SJ 18 - Licensing of Those with Criminal Convictions**
1. Review of Draft Final Report and Proposed Recommendations/Findings
    - a. Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
    - b. Public Comment
    - c. Questions from the Committee
  2. Possible Committee Action on Recommendations/Findings/Report Revisions
- 1:45 p.m. **E. Required Reports**
- [Report](#) by the Reinsurance Advisory Commission
- a. Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Matt Rosendale
  - b. Janell Depner, CSI attorney
  - c. Cody Langbehn, Commission member
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. Questions from the Committee
- 2:10 p.m. **F. Member Issues: Broadband**
1. Update on Broadband [Options](#)/Followup on Requested Information  
-- Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
  2. Review of Proposed Committee Bill (two options- [03](#) and [05](#))
    - a. Jameson Walker, Committee Attorney
    - b. Public Comment
    - c. Questions from the Committee
  2. Possible Committee Action - Revise or Adopt as Committee Bill/Assign Sponsor
- 3:00 p.m. **G. Agency Monitoring**
1. **Montana State Fund:** 2020 Premium Setting/Adopted [2020 Budget](#)/COVID-19Update
    - a. Laurence Hubbard, MSF Chief Executive Officer
    - b. Mark Burzynski, MSF Vice President, Corporate Support
    - c. Questions from the Committee
    - d. Public Comment
    - e. Possible Committee Action
  2. **Overview of Other Agency Activities, Board of Housing Update**  
-- Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
- 3:45 p.m. **H. Rule Review**
1.
    - a. VJ Maddio, Board of Chiropractors Chairman, on proposed [dry needling rule](#)
    - b. Public Comment
    - c. Possible Committee Action
  2.
    - a. Lynne Egan, Deputy Securities Commissioner, State Auditor's Office, on proposed [securities-insurance rules](#)
    - b. Public Comment
    - c. Possible Committee Action
  3. Discussion of Active Supervision in Relation to Dental Hygienists/Board of Dentistry rules
    - a. Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry Chief Counsel, active supervision
    - b. Public Comment
    - c. Possible Committee Action
  4. Discussion of Department of Public Health and Human Services vaping [rule proposal](#)
    - a. Overview of proposal/related developments - Jameson Walker, Committee Attorney
    - b. Public Comment
    - c. Possible Committee Action
  5. [Rule Review](#) for May and part of June

- a. Jameson Walker, Committee Attorney
- b. Questions from the Committee
- c. Public Comment
- d. Possible Committee Action

Recess until 8 a.m. July 1, 2020

**Economic Affairs Interim Committee DRAFT Agenda  
July 1, 2020**

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- 8:00 a.m.                   **A. Required Reports**
- 1. Followup on Board of Horseracing Historical Video Game [Report](#) and Options
    - a. Overview - Tom Tucker, executive director of the Board of Horseracing
    - b. Public Comment
    - c. Questions from the Committee
    - d. Possible Committee Action
- 8:45 a.m.                   2. Update on Co-Located Lab Study  
-- Sen. Gordon Vance
- 9:00 a.m.                   **B. Member Issues - Alcohol Law Revisions**
- 1. Review of Alcohol Sales from early 2020  
-- Becky Schlauch, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division
  - 2. Legislative [Options](#) and [Past Bill Review](#)
    - a. Jameson Walker, staff attorney
    - b. Public Comment
    - c. Committee Discussion
    - d. Possible Committee Action
- 9:30 a.m.                   **C. Member Issues - Workers' Compensation Presumptive Disease for Firefighters**
- 1. Panel Discussion on Potential Access, Impacts
    - a. Kevin Braun, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana State Fund
    - b. Alan Hulse, CEO, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority
    - c. Alan Tresemer, Painted Rocks Fire District, Darby representative of independent firefighters (possibly by phone - [comment](#) sent by email)
  - 2. Legislative Options
    - a. Public Comment
    - b. Committee Discussion
    - c. Possible Committee Action
- Noon                        Directions to Staff/Next and Last Meeting - Set for Sept. 10, 2020  
Adjourn

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