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INTERIM COMMITTEE REVIEW OF AGENCY BILLS



- The Office of Program Planning and the Governor's office review and approve legislative proposals for executive branch agencies.
- Interim Committees receive brief descriptions of proposed legislation approved for preintroduction for the 2023 session. The committee may ask questions and request more information. Interim committee review descriptions of proposed legislation between July and September 15, 2022.
- Preintroduction allows legislative staff to draft agency bills prior to session. This gives drafters a head-start and provides more time for requests from individual legislators. Preintroduced bills may be scheduled for hearing early in the session while other bills are being drafted.
- Authorization to draft an agency bill is not an endorsement. If an interim committee does not approve an agency proposal, a holdover senator or an unopposed legislator may request the bill for the agency and still meet the preintroduction deadline. After the election, any legislator may request the proposal.
- The preferred method for the committee is to authorize the drafting of the whole package of agency proposals in a single motion. However, proposals may be segregated.
- After consultation with the agency, an interim committee may consider consolidating related bill draft requests.
- Agency bill drafts authorized by an interim committee are submitted to the LSD and identified by OBPP with the appropriate LC bill draft request number for processing no later than November 15, 2022; and preintroduced by 5 p.m. on December 15, 2022 (Joint Rule 40-40(5)(a)). Agency requested bills that are not preintroduced are cancelled. A legislator may request the bill on behalf of the agency, subject to limitations placed on legislators and without the "By Request of" an agency header.
- Except for bill drafts for requests by newly elected officials, an agency bill draft requested by an interim committee received by LSD for processing after November 15 loses its priority (Joint Rule 40-40(2)(b)). The bill is placed on hold, loses priority, and may not meet the preintroduction deadline.
- A preintroduced bill is assigned a bill number, contains a line under the sponsor's name indicating that the bill is "By Request of" the agency; and is printed before the Legislature convenes January 2, 2023.

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endorsement.**

COMMITTEE BILL

67th Legislature

SB 51.01

1 SENATE BILL NO. 51
2 INTRODUCED BY J. ELLSWORTH
3 BY REQUEST OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN FIBER OPTIC OR COAXIAL CABLE
6 FROM PROPERTY TAXATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-135, 15-6-156, AND 15-6-219, MCA; AND
7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

Sponsor, etc.

Sponsor, etc.	Last Name/Organization	First Name	Mi
Requester	Economic Affairs Interim Committee		
Drafter	Walker	Jameson	
By Request Of	Economic Affairs Interim Committee		
Primary Sponsor	Ellsworth	Jason	W

AGENCY BILL

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 64
2 INTRODUCED BY T. MOORE
3 BY REQUEST OF THE STATE AUDITOR
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A SECURITIES WHISTLEBLOWER AWARD AND
6 PROTECTION ACT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR THE COMMISSIONER TO
7 AWARD WHISTLEBLOWERS; PROVIDING FOR ANONYMOUS WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINTS;
8 PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR WHISTLEBLOWER AWARD PAYMENTS; PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR
9 AWARDS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PROTECTIONS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS AND
10 INTERNAL REPORTS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY
11 DATE."

Sponsor, etc.

Sponsor, etc.	Last Name/Organization	First Name	Mi
Requester	Economic Affairs Interim Committee		
Drafter	Walker	Jameson	
By Request Of	State Auditor		
Primary Sponsor	Moore	Terry	