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AGENDA
November 17, 2021
8:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 137 and Zoom
(Updated 11/16/2021)
Please note: All times are approximate

8:00 a.m.  Call to Order – Roll Call
Sen. Kenneth Bogner, Presiding Officer

8:05 a.m.  Agency Oversight: Agency introduction and overview – major accomplishments or changes since previous interim; primary objectives for interim; any known legislative issues [Agency introductions will continue at the next EAIC meeting.]

Department of Labor and Industry
Laurie Esau, Commissioner
- Presentation by Agency
- Questions from the committee
- Administrative rule review for MAR 24-11-375 and MAR 24-35-376
- Public comment*

9:00 a.m.  HJ 49 Study: Benefits Cliffs in Public Assistance Programs
a. Overview of programs and incentives available to Montanans
Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Adam Meier, Director
- Brenton Craggs, Legislative and Regulatory Coordinator
- Erica Johnston, Executive Director
- Morgan Taylor, Chief of Staff
Department of Labor and Industry
- Scott Eychner, Division Administrator, Workforce Services Division
Department of Revenue
- Aaron McNay, Economist, Tax Policy & Research Division
b. Committee questions for panelists
c. Public comment* on the HJ 49 Study
d. Committee discussion & next steps for the study

10:30 a.m.  BREAK
10:45 a.m.  **HJ 48 Study: Facial Recognition Technology**

a. Overview of use by Montana state agencies

*Department of Labor and Industry*
- Jeannie Keller, Fraud Prevention Manager

*Department of Justice*
- Laurie Bakri, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division
- Anne Dormady, Bureau Chief, Crime Information Bureau
- David Ortley, Assistant Attorney General, Division of Criminal Investigations

b. Committee questions for panelists

c. Public comment* on the HJ 48 study

d. Committee discussion & next steps for the study

12:15 p.m.  **LUNCH**

1:15 p.m.  **SJ 31 Study: Marijuana Program Implementation**

a. Presentation on Codified Version of HB701

*Legislative Services Division*
- Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst
- Cori Hach, Legislative Attorney

*Court Administrator’s Office*
- Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator

*Department of Revenue*
- Kristan Barbour, Division Administrator, Cannabis Control Division
- Courtney Cosgrove, Attorney, Cannabis Control Division

b. Committee questions for presenters

c. Public comment* on the SJ 31 study

d. Committee discussion & next steps for the study

3:15 p.m.  **BREAK**

3:30 p.m.  **Administrative Rule Review**

*Jameson Walker, Staff Attorney*

*Brendan Beatty, Director, Department of Revenue*

4:30 p.m.  **Emerging Issues**

- Occupational Licensing for Military Spouses
  *Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst*
- Board of Horseracing Lottery Game
  *Representative Ed Buttrey*

4:45 p.m.  **Meeting Wrap Up**

- **Public comment*** on any item within the committee’s jurisdiction but not on this agenda.
- Administrative & miscellaneous announcements
- Additional instructions to staff
  - Direction on studies (if needed)
- Update on optional field trip
- Next regular meeting – February 9-10, 2022
- Adjourn
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