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AGENDA

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August 29, 2024

State Capitol, Room 137 and Zoom

Agenda times are approximate.

- 10:00 a.m. Call to Order – Roll Call – Opening Remarks**
Rep. Josh Kassmier, Presiding Officer
- 10:05 a.m. Agency Legislation Proposals: Department of Labor & Industry**
 1. Reminder of process – Rachel Weiss, LSD
 2. Presentation of bill proposals – Sarah Swanson, Commissioner
 3. Questions from the committee
 4. Public comment*
 5. Committee discussion and action
- 11:10 a.m. Supporting Low-Income Housing: The Montana Board of Housing and its Role in Awarding Housing Tax Credits**
 1. Presentation of performance audit – Amber Robbins, LAD
 2. Questions from the committee
 3. Public comment*
- 11:30 a.m. Bill Explorer and Legislator Portal**
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. Agency Legislation Proposals: Department of Livestock**
 1. Presentation of bill proposals – Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer
 2. Questions from the committee
 3. Public comment*
 4. Committee discussion and action
- 1:20 p.m. Agency Legislation Proposals: Department of Commerce**
 1. Presentation of bill proposals – Mandy Rambo, Deputy Director
 2. Questions from the committee
 3. Public comment*

4. Committee discussion and action

1:40 p.m. Agency Legislation Proposals: Department of Agriculture

1. Presentation of bill proposals – Christy Clark, Director
2. Questions from the committee
3. Public comment*
4. Committee discussion and action

2:00 p.m. Agency Legislation Proposals: Department of Revenue

1. Presentation of bill proposals – Scott Mendenhall, Deputy Director
2. Questions from the committee
3. Public comment*
4. Committee discussion and action

2:15 p.m. Required Reports: Cannabis Control Division

1. General marijuana statistics – Kristan Barbour, DOR
2. Synthetic Marijuana Task Force report -- Kathy Wiegand-Palmer, Chair
3. Questions from the committee
4. Public comment*

2:45 p.m. Committee Legislation

Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division

1. PD0031: Ambulance Provider Assessment Draft Legislation
 - a. Review of legislation
 - b. Public comment*
2. PD0035MM: Marijuana Draft 1: Resolution for Support of Federal SAFER Banking Act
 - a. Review of legislation
 - b. Public comment*
3. PD0040: Marijuana Draft 2: Marijuana Cleanup Committee Bill
 - a. Review of legislation
 - b. Public comment*
4. PD0033: Marijuana Draft 3: Moratorium Committee Bill
 - a. Review of legislation
 - b. Public comment*
5. PD0035JW: Marijuana Draft 4: Eliminate Moratorium and Clarify Local Authority to Limit Locations
 - a. Review of legislation
 - b. Public comment*

3:45 p.m. Administrative Rule Review

Jameson Walker, Legislative Attorney

1. Overview of rule review memo
2. Overview of informal rule objection to MAR 42-1076
3. Statements by the Department of Revenue
4. Questions from the committee
5. Public comment*
6. Committee discussion & possible action

- 4:15 p.m. Committee Work Session**
1. **Public comment*** on any item in EAIC's subject matter jurisdiction
 2. Action on committee legislation (assign sponsors)
 3. Action on agency legislation (if not already taken)
- 4:45 p.m. Wrap up and adjournment**

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