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68th Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

July 11, 2023

8:30 a.m.

State Capitol, Room 137 and Zoom

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Please note: All times are tentative

8:30 a.m. Call to Order – Roll Call – Introductions of Members and Staff
Senator Fitzpatrick, Acting Presiding Officer

8:45 a.m. Administrative Overview
Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst
Jameson Walker, Attorney

- a. Staff Roles and Responsibilities
- b. Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committees
- c. Compensation and Expense Reimbursement
- d. Rulemaking Process & Committee Role
- e. Administrative Rule Review
 - *Public Comment on Administrative Rule Review

9:15 a.m. Work Session – Committee Rules and Election of Officers
Senator Fitzpatrick, Acting Presiding Officer

- a. Discussion and Adoption of Committee Rules
- b. Election of Officers
- c. Appointment of Liaisons to Montana State Fund

9:45 a.m. Welcome to EAIC
Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst

- a. Overview of EAIC's Duties
- b. Overview of Assigned Study – SJ30
- c. Overview of Draft Work Plan and Meeting Schedule

10:15 a.m. Introductions and Overviews of Assigned Agencies

10:15 a.m. Department of Commerce
Scott Osterman, Director

10:30 a.m. Governor's Office of Economic Development
Mark Blasdel, Director

10:45 a.m. BREAK

- 11:00 a.m. Introductions and Overviews of Assigned Agencies** *(continued)*
- 11:00 a.m. Department of Labor and Industry
Erin Weisgerber, Division Administrator
- 11:15 a.m. Department of Livestock
Mike Honeycutt, Administrator
- 11:30 a.m. Division of Banking & Financial Institutions
Misty Ann Giles, Director of Administration
Melanie Hall, Commissioner of Banking
- 11:45 a.m. State Auditor's Office
Frank Cote, Government Affairs Liaison
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. Introductions and Overviews of Assigned Agencies** *(continued)*
- 1:00 p.m. Department of Agriculture
Christy Clark, Director
- 1:15 p.m. Cannabis Control Division
Kristan Barbour, Administrator
- 1:30 p.m. Alcohol Beverage Control Division
Steve Swanson, Division Operating Officer
- 1:45 p.m. Montana State Fund
Holly O'Dell, CEO
Kevin Braun, Chief Legal Counsel
Rene Martello, Director of Finance & Actuary
- 2:30 p.m. Public comment*** on any of the presenting agencies
- 2:45 p.m. BREAK**
- 3:00 p.m. Work Session – EAIC’s Work Plan Options and Study Priorities**
Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst
- a. Discussion of Work Plan and Decision Matrix
 - b. Member Topics
 - c. Public Comment* on Work Plan and Interim Study
 - d. Committee Action
- 4:15 p.m. Public Comment*** on any topic in the Committee’s Jurisdiction
- 4:30 p.m. Meeting Wrap Up**
- a. Additional Instructions to Staff
 - b. Next Meeting

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