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# Economic Affairs Interim Committee

68th Montana Legislature

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## DRAFT AGENDA

### Economic Affairs Interim Committee

May 7, 2023

State Capitol, Room 137 and Zoom

*Agenda times are approximate*

- 9:00 a.m.**            **Call to Order – Roll Call** – Chair Kassmier
- 9:05 a.m.**            **Childcare & the Workforce: Insurance**
1. Review of topic: Erin Sullivan, LSD
  2. Discussion on Captive Association Model:
    - a. Frank Cote, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, State Auditor’s Office
    - b. Angie Armour, Executive Director, Raise Montana
  3. Comments from the insurance Industry:
    - a. Dena Johnson, Marsh McLennan Agency
    - b. Jodi Johnston, Burns Insurance Agency
  4. Public comment
  5. Committee work session
- 10:15 a.m.**            **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m.**            **Agency Oversight: Montana State Fund**
1. Budget update: Holly O’Dell, President/CEO; Nick Mazanec, Chief Legal; Rene Martello; Director of Finance & Actuary
  2. Committee questions
  3. Public comment
- 11:15 a.m.**            **SJ30 Study on Viticulture**
1. Review draft committee legislation options: Erin Sullivan, LSD
  2. Public comment
  3. Committee work session
- 12:00 p.m.**            **LUNCH**

- 1:00 p.m. Ambulance Provider Assessment Program (HB828) Review**
1. Review of topic: Erin Sullivan, LSD
  2. Stakeholder Comments:
    - a. Rep. Ed Buttrey, HB828 bill sponsor
    - b. Don Whalen, Board Member, Montana Ambulance Association
  3. Public comment
  4. Committee work session
- 1:30 p.m. Biometric Privacy (SB351) Review**
1. Review of topic: Erin Sullivan, LSD
  2. Stakeholder Comments:
    - a. Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R-SD22), bill sponsor
    - b. Jeff Woodhouse, State Government Affairs, GlaxoSmithKline
  3. Public comment
  4. Committee work session
- 2:00 p.m. BREAK**
- 2:15 p.m. Administrative Rule Review**
1. Rule review & rule objections: Jameson Walker, LSD
  2. Public comment
  3. Committee work session
- 3:00 p.m. Committee Topic: Marijuana**
1. Review draft committee legislation: Erin Sullivan, LSD
  2. Synthetic Marijuana Task Force update: Kathy Wiegand-Palmer, Cannabis Laboratory Program Manager, Department of Revenue
  3. Stakeholder proposition for additional committee legislation: Kristan Barbour, Division Administrator, Cannabis Control Division
  4. Public comment
  5. Committee work session
- 3:45 p.m. Committee Work Session**
1. **Public comment\*** on any item in EAIC's subject matter jurisdiction
  2. Review miscellaneous topics: Erin Sullivan, LSD
  3. Additional committee topics
  4. Review next meeting & further directions to staff (*next meeting is Monday, June 17*)
- 4:00 p.m. Wrap up and adjournment**

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