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AGENDA

Economic Affairs Interim Committee

September 26, 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. Interim Work Overview - Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst**
1. Review final Work Plan
 2. Review potential interim study plans
 3. Questions from the committee
 4. Public comment
- 9:35 a.m. SJ 30 – Study on Viticulture**
1. Overview – Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst & Jameson Walker, Attorney
 2. Stakeholder Input
 - a. Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division
 - b. Zach Coccoli, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture
 3. Public comment
 4. Committee questions & discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Committee Topic: Workforce & Labor**
1. Introduction – Sarah Swanson, Commissioner of Labor
 2. Labor Market Report – Amy Watson, State Economist, Department of Labor & Industry
 3. DLI workforce programs & initiatives – Barb Wagner, Division Administrator, DLI
 4. NCSL Summit workforce & labor sessions recap – Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst
 5. Public comment
 6. Committee questions & discussion
- 11:00 a.m. BREAK**

- 11:15 a.m. Committee Topic: Marijuana**
1. Department comments – Brendan Beatty, Director, Department of Revenue
 2. Presentation on marijuana metrics – Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst
 3. Presentation on consumption lounges – Karen O’Keefe, Director of State Policies, Marijuana Policy Project
 4. Public comment
 5. Committee questions & discussion
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. Administrative Rule Review**
1. Litigation update – Jameson Walker, Attorney
 2. Review of administrative rule memo – Jameson Walker, Attorney
 3. Public comment
 4. Committee questions & discussion
 - a. Committee action – if necessary
- 1:30 p.m. Committee Topic: Agriculture - 2023 Farm Bill**
1. Overview of Farm Bill – Cort Jensen, Attorney, Department of Agriculture
 2. Stakeholder Input
 - a. Raylee Honeycutt, Executive Vice President, Montana Stockgrowers Association
 - b. Alison Vergeront, Executive Director, Montana Grain Growers Association
 - c. Nicole Rolf, Sr. Director of Governmental Affairs, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
 3. Public comment
 4. Committee questions & discussion
- 2:15 p.m. Review of Ballot Issue #9**
1. Review of Process & Initiative – Jameson Walker, Attorney
 2. Public Comment
 3. Committee action – vote to support or not support placement on the ballot
- 2:45 p.m. BREAK**
- 3:00 p.m. Ambulance Provider Assessment Program (HB828) Review**
1. Introduction of topic – Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst
 2. Public comment
 3. Committee questions & discussion
 - a. Committee action – if necessary
- 3:30 p.m. Biometric Privacy (SB351) Review**
1. Introduction of topic – Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst
 2. Public comment
 3. Committee questions & discussion
 - a. Committee action – if necessary

4:00 p.m.

Committee Work Session

1. Review Work Plan – Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst
 - a. Committee action – vote on study topics
 - b. Committee action – adopt work plan
2. Review calendar – ***Next meeting is Tuesday, November 14, 2023***
3. Further directions to staff

4:30 p.m.

Public comment* on any item in EAIC's subject matter jurisdiction
Wrap up and adjournment

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