



# State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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## MEETING AGENDA

SAVA Meeting re. Ballot Issue #13

Thursday, January 4, 2024

Hybrid Meeting - Zoom & Room 137, Capitol Building

*All times are approximate. Some agenda items may take more or less time than scheduled.*

### 10:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | OPENING REMARKS

*Representative Julie Dooling, Presiding Officer*

### 10:05 A.M. BALLOT ISSUE #13 INTRODUCTION AND BALLOT ISSUE REVIEW PROCESS

- Ballot Issue #13 Introduction - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Ballot Issue Review Process - Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney

### 10:15 A.M. HEARING ON PROPOSED BALLOT ISSUE

- Ballot Issue #13 Opening
- Public Comment\* on Ballot Issue #13
  - Proponents
  - Opponents
  - Informational Witnesses
- Committee Questions & Discussion
- Ballot Issue #13 Closing

### 11:45 A.M. COMMITTEE ACTION

- Committee Action to "support or not support placement of the proposed statewide initiative text on the ballot" (13-27-228, MCA)

### 11:55 A.M. MEETING WRAP UP

- Next Meeting - Thursday, January 25, 2024
- Adjournment

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