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Economic Affairs Interim Committee DRAFT Agenda*
June 30 - July 1, 2004
State Capitol, Room 137
* All agenda times are approximate

June 30

9:30 a.m. Agenda Review and Adoption of May 5 minutes

9:45 a.m. Legislative Fiscal Division Preview of Economic Development Analyses
• Alan Peura, LFD

10:00 a.m. Economic Development Proposals, Comments from Interested Parties
• Don Peoples, MSE, overview of Mariah project
• Montana Economic Developers Association -- Evan Barrett
• Montana League of Cities and Towns -- Mike Kadas
• Montana Chamber of Commerce -- Webb Brown
• Montana Ambassadors -- Jon Marchi

11:30 a.m. Public Comment

11:45 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Agency Proposed Legislation/Committee Comments
• Department of Agriculture -- Ralph Peck
• Department of Commerce -- Mark Simonich
• State Auditor's Office -- John Morrison

Public Comment on Agency Proposed Legislation
Committee Action: Request drafting for all, some or none

4:15 p.m. Public Comment on any issue on this agenda or on any topic under the Economic Affairs Interim Committee's jurisdiction.

4:30 p.m. Presentation of Committee-requested economic development proposals
Option 2 - modify existing programs -- Pat Murdo, staff
Option 3 - encourage angel investors via network supports -- Dave Gibson
Option 4 - Fund of Funds -- Dave Gibson or other working group participant

Committee discussion
Action: Request drafting/revisions for all, some or none as Committee bills

5:15 p.m. Adjourn for day. Reconvene July 1 (see reverse for July 1 agenda)
July 1

8:30 a.m. Agenda Review

8:35 a.m. Discussion on Insurance Stacking Proposed Legislation
• Bart Campbell
• Industry and Public Comment

Committee Action: Request drafting one version or none as Committee bill

8:50 a.m. Reports on department-administered or audit studies outlined in legislation
• SB 315 -- Feasibility study on railroad freight competition -- Governor's Office of Economic Development -- Dave Gibson
• HJR 20 -- Legislative Auditor review of professional/licensing boards -- Angus Mclver
• SB 270 -- Study of Independent Contractors -- Department of Labor and Industry -- Kevin Braun, DLI, and John Andrew, DLI
• SB 304 - Study of the role of the Montana State Fund and the potential sale of all or part of the State Fund liabilities/assets (to be discussed under agency proposed legislation) Laurence Hubbard, State Fund

9:30 a.m. Agency Proposed Legislation/Committee Comments
• Department of Labor and Industry -- Kevin Braun and DLI Staff
• Montana State Fund -- Laurence Hubbard

Public Comment on Agency Proposed Legislation

Action: Request drafting for all, some or none

10:45 a.m. Workers' Compensation SJR 17, Committee-assigned Study and Legislative Proposals
• Two simplification proposals, LC 5555 and LC 5560 -- Kevin Braun, DLI
• Occupational Disease proposal update -- Eddy McClure, staff attorney
• Exclusion/Exemption proposals, Options 4 and 5 -- Pat Murdo, staff

11:45 Public comment on any issue on this agenda or on any topic under the Economic Affairs Interim Committee’s jurisdiction.

Noon Committee discussion of and action on workers' compensation proposals.
Possible actions:
• Propose exemption consolidations as committee bill (LC9899, LC9896)
• Propose word changes, simplification as a committee bill (LC5555)
• Propose modifications, consolidations as a committee bill (LC5560)
• Offer suggestions for change or revision of bills and postpone action until the Committee's August meeting.

Action on SJR 17 Committee bills
Directions to staff; confirm next meeting

12:30 p.m. Adjourn