

Possible Topics for EAIC Consideration

Economic Affairs Interim Committee members might want to consider the following topics (or add others) for member issues on which they want more information during the interim either through a presentation, an issue brief, an audit, or other option. Time is limited, with 4-5 meetings open for presentations and a limited number of issue briefs involving background research by staff. An audit involves a request to LAD. Some issues may overlap with topics covered by other interim committees. Dark lines divide issue areas.

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Topic	Background Info	Activity: Presentation, Issue Brief, Audit, other	Date
Workforce Training Issues	-Chamber of Commerce -Dept. Labor and Industry -MT University System -Tribal Colleges		
Implementation of the Big Sky Econ. Dev. Program	-Dept of Commerce --Economic Developers		
Implementation of Shared Leadership	-MUS report		
Implementation of Venture Capital Issues	-Dept of Commerce -Office of Economic Dev. -Venture Capital experts -Board of Investments		
Progress Report for Certified Regional Development Centers	-Dept of Commerce -Reg'l Econ. Dev. Orgs		
Montana Administrative Procedure Act and flexibility for sm. businesses (hb630)	-Chamber of Commerce -Department attorneys		
Governors' Office Economic Development Efforts: --Cluster Study, Film, etc.	-Office of Economic Dev.		
Business Recruitment - State's Role	-Office of Economic Dev. -Dept. of Commerce		
Tourism Promotion/Bed Tax-effectiveness & options	-Dept of Commerce -UM Institute Tourism/Rec. -Chamber of Commerce -MT Innkeepers Assn. -Main Street program		
Economic impacts of wind, other energy developments	-Economic developers -Various Departments		

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Genetically Modified Organisms - Implications for MT agriculture	-Department of Agriculture -Farmers pro and con, -Researchers at MSU, UM		
Country of Origin Labeling, implementation, fed efforts	-Dept. of Livestock -Stockgrowers Assn.		
Niche ag/livestock markets	-Dept. of Livestock -Dept. of Agriculture		
Impacts on MT of CAFTA or other trade pacts	-Representatives of MT's Congressional delegation -NCSL representative		
Economic impacts of energy projects related to 2005 legislation	--Economists --MT Economic Developers --Various state agencies		
Proposed regional energy projects' economic impacts	--Energy Companies --MT Economic Developers		
Implementation of Medical Malpractice Insurance Laws	-State Auditor's Office -Montana Medical Assn. -Assn of Montana Health Care Providers		
Implementation of CE laws	-State Auditor's Office		
Small Business Health Insurance Implementation & federal legislative options	-State Auditor's Office		
Implementation of Credit Scoring	-State Auditor's Office		
Motor Vehicle Insurance & Uninsured Motorist Options	-State Auditor's Office -AG Motor Vehicle Division		
Implementation of Independent Contractor law	--Dept. of Labor & Industry		
Implementation of SB 481 - merger of occupational disease & work comp laws	--Dept. of Labor & Industry --State Fund --Work comp reps		
Work Comp court cases re: common fund applications	--Dept. of Labor & Industry --State Fund --Work comp reps		