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TO: Members of the SJR 22 Subcommittee on Health Costs and Insurance  
Interested persons  
FROM: Dave Bohyer, LSD Research Director  
RE: Subcommittee meeting on Thursday, July 18

The Subcommittee is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, in Room 137 of the State Capitol. A tentative agenda for the meeting is attached.

The bulk of the meeting will focus on the topic of a tax credit for health insurance premiums. Senator Jon Ellingson, who chairs the Tax Credit Working Group, will report on the Group's activities. Senator Ellingson's introduction of the subject will be followed with staff reports from Bart Campbell (pass through entities), Leanne Kurtz (implications of tax credits to pass through entities), and various scenarios in re tax credit options.

Public comment on the tax credit option will also be taken, to be followed by Subcommittee discussion and action.

With Gordy Higgins' departure earlier this summer, the Subcommittee and others are faced with less than optimal staffing. Nevertheless, LSD staff will continue pursuing the Working Group's, Subcommittee's, and full Economic Affairs Interim Committee's goals and objectives.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me by phone at 444-3064 or by e-mail at [dbohyer@mt.gov](mailto:dbohyer@mt.gov), or SJR 22 Subcommittee chairman, Rep. Joe McKenney at 452-2051.

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# **SJR 22 Joint Subcommittee on Health Care and Health Insurance**

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## **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

9 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 2002  
Room 137, State Capitol

*Agenda times are approximate, items on the agenda may take more or less time than is indicated.*

- 9:00 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of prior meeting minutes -- Rep. Matt McKenney, Chairman
- 9:05. 2. Health Insurance Tax Credit
- ▼ Report on activities of Working Group -- Sen. Jon Ellingson, Chairman
  - ▼ Overview of "pass through entities" -- Bart Campbell, LSD Staff Attorney
  - ▼ Overview of the implications of a tax credit to pass through entities -- Leanne Kurtz, LSD Research Analyst
  - ▼ Overview of the implications of various tax credit scenarios -- Dave Bohyer, LSD Research Director
  - ▼ Public comment
  - ▼ Committee discussion

## **BREAK**

- 11:00 3. Pilot program option from New West Health -- Patrick Aberley, CEO, New West Health

## **LUNCH BREAK**

- 1:30 4. Reconvene -- note the roll
- 1:31 5. Where to next with legislative involvement in health care issues, health care costs, health insurance coverage and costs, SCHIP expansion, prescriptions, etc. -- Committee
- 2:15 6. Public Comment

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- 2:30 7. Member Issues
- 3:00 8. Instructions to Staff
- 4:00 9. Adjourn

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