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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 McIver
 - 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