



## Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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### September 9, 2009, Room 137, State Capitol

*Draft Agenda - All times are tentative. An issue may be discussed earlier or later than listed.*

- 9:15 a.m. Greetings, Roll Call, Overview of Agenda - Chairman Keane  
**Action Item:** Adoption of written Economic Affairs Committee minutes from July 2009
- 9:25 **Public Comment on Work Plan/Topics before EAC**
- 9:50 **Work Plan Discussion**  
Staff review of Budget/Calendar, SJR 30 goals, Member/Emerging Issues  
**\*\*Committee Action** on Meeting Days, Goals, Meeting Topics, Budget Options
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Workers' Compensation SJR 30 Study - Premium Cost Driver Factors**  
--Ann Clayton, consultant hired by Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI), on best practices to be researched in other states on cost-driver factors  
--Mike McCarter, former workers' compensation judge, on issues related to indemnity and medical claim closure and duration  
--Jerry Keck, DOLI, medical cost issues and claim settlements from historical and department (mediator) perspectives
- Break
- 3:00 Early Return or Transition to Work Issues  
- Larger Employer Concerns: Connie Welsh, State of Montana, and Thom Danenhowe, Ann Komak, both MMIA  
- Small Business Concerns: Loren Davis, Davis Business Machines, and Loretta Miller, Green Meadow Auto Salvage
- Work Place Safety Programs  
- Bryan Page, Department of Labor and Industry, Safety Program  
- Carl Kochman, WorkSafeMT  
- Jon Bennion, Chamber of Commerce Program
- Additional public comment on cost-driver factors**  
**\*\* Action Item:** Next steps regarding cost-driver issues. Confirm or revise work plan  
Recommend which states committee prefers in comparison study.
- 4:45 Rule Review - Bart Campbell, staff attorney
- 5:00 Public Comment on any issue under the purview of the committee on or off the agenda
- 5:15 Adjourn

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