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Memo

To: Economic Affairs Committee Members
From: Pat Murdo, Committee Staff
Re: Department of Labor and Industry Monitoring at August 2013 Meeting

As part of its interim committee duties, the Economic Affairs Committee will hear from each of the agencies assigned to the Committee under 5-5-223, MCA. At the August 2013 meeting the Department of Labor and Industry is featured. The attached information may be helpful preparation for the presentation by the Department of Labor and Industry's Commissioner Pam Bucy. (A side note: unlike most other department heads, Ms. Bucy gets the title of Commissioner because under the Montana Constitution, Article XII, Section 2, "(1) The legislature shall provide for a Department of Labor and Industry, headed by a Commissioner appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate." This is one of only two departments mentioned by name in the state constitution under the heading of Departments and Institutions. The other is Agriculture.)

Attached background information on the Department of Labor and Industry includes:

- an organizational chart from the Department's website;
- the 2015 Biennium Fiscal Report from the Legislative Fiscal Division for the Department as a whole (pp. A-206 through A-212) and specifically for the Business Standards Division (pp. A-235 through A-239); and
- a report on the budgeting for the Business Standards Division, which includes the Weights and Measures Bureau discussed in the August meeting and the three bureaus that handle the occupational and professional licensing boards.