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Economic Affairs Interim Committee Agenda

November 7, 2017

Room 137 of the State Capitol

(Times are subject to change. An agenda item may be earlier or later than scheduled.)

- 10:00 a.m. 1. Call to Order - Roll Call - Sen. Vance, presiding officer
- 10:05 a.m. 2. Administrative Updates -- Sen. Vance and Pat Murdo, committee staff
- 10:10 a.m. 3. Agency Monitoring - Department of Commerce
Director - Pam Haxby-Cote
- Reports on Issues of Major Importance, Short Video
 - Update on Legislative Impacts from Budget, New Legislation
 - Expectations on Funding / Changes in Coal Tax Trust Disbursements
- 10:55 a.m. 4. Agency Monitoring - Governor's Office of Economic Development
Chief Business Officer - Ken Fichtler
- Reports on Issues of Major Importance
 - Update on Legislative Impacts from Budget, New Legislation
 - Expectations on Funding / Changes in Coal Tax Trust Disbursements
- 11:30 a.m. 5. Agency Monitoring - Department of Agriculture
Director Ben Thomas
- Reports on Issues of Major Importance
 - Update on Legislative Impacts from Budget, New Legislation
 - Department's Role in HB661 Study of labs at Montana State University, including Agriculture's Analytical Laboratory
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15 p.m. 6. Public Comment* on any item not on the agenda but relevant to the EAIC
- 1:20 p.m. 7. Studies -- SJR 20 Unemployment Study
- (a) Overview of types of unemployment classifications
Barb Wagner, Department of Labor and Industry chief economist
 - (b) Public comment
- 1:40 p.m. 8. Department of Labor and Industry Monitoring -- Active Supervision of Boards
- a) Judy Bovington, DLI Chief Legal Counsel
 - b) Public Comment
- 2:00 p.m. 9. Studies -- SJR 32 EMTs-Veterans - Current Barriers and Potential Outcomes
- (a) Panel Presentations
 - (i) EMT Scope of Practice Concerns -- Ken Threet
 - (ii) Veterans' Concerns from Government Perspective - Joe Foster,
Board of Veterans' Affairs
 - (iii) Veterans' Concerns from Advocates' Perspective - Roger Hagan

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- (iv) Active Military's Concerns - Major Mike Talia
- (v) Suicide Prevention Providers' Concerns - Diane Banks-Mohr,
Veterans' Administration, Fort Harrison Mental Health Supervisor
- (vi) Glen Stinar, Montana Law Enforcement Academy, Dispatcher Trainer
- (b) Questions from the Committee
- (c) Public Comment

- (d) Committee Discussion of Study Next Steps

4:45 p.m. 10. Rule Review -- Jameson Walker, staff attorney

5:00 p.m. 11. Directions to staff, adjourn

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