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To: Economic Affairs Interim Committee
From: Bart Campbell
Re: Rule Review for Jan. 27-28, 2014, Meeting

Dept. of Administration -Division of Banking and Financial Institutions

Repealing 19 rules pertaining to the Montana Title Loan Act because the Act was repealed in its entirety by HB 118 during the 2013 legislative session.

Dept. of Agriculture

Proposes to amend four rules pertaining to noxious weeds to change the priority category of dyer's woad, flowering rush, Eurasian watermilfoil, and curlyleaf pondweed.

Dept of Commerce

Proposes to amend one rule pertaining to the Microbusiness Finance Program to reinstate statutory required guidelines regarding the maximum and minimum interest rates that may be charged by certified microbusiness development corporations on microbusiness loans.

Montana Coal Board

Proposes to amend requirements for application forms and submittal dates for applications for Montana Coal Board grant assistance.

Dept. of Labor and Industry

The boards of chiropractors, hearing aid dispensers, licensed addiction counselors, nursing home administrators, and real estate appraisers are all proposing to adopt one new rule pertaining to the acceptance of military training as required by HB 259 and SB 183 of the 2013 legislative session.

Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers is proposing at a public hearing to be held on February 10, 2014, to raise the renewal fee from \$1,000 to \$1,500 in order to keep the board fees commensurate with costs.

Board of Veterinary Medicine proposes to generally revise rules pertaining to record-keeping, continuing education, and inspections. Intends to revise definition of unprofessional conduct to include social media issues and misrepresentation of specialty credentials. Proposes to amend two rules pertaining to the deputy state veterinarian to reflect the new federal accreditation program.

Dept. of Livestock

Proposes to generally amend 17 rules for clarification purposes and to eliminate redundancy in citations.

State Compensation Insurance Fund

Proposes to amend rule to clarify when a policy dividend should be applied to a policy for a past-due premium or other past due sum owed to the State Fund instead of paying the dividend to the policy holder.