



Economic Affairs Interim Committee

58th Montana Legislature

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Economic Affairs Committee Draft Agenda

March 11, 2004

Room 137 State Capitol

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- 8:30 a.m. Introductions, approval of minutes, review of agenda
- 8:45 a.m. Workers' Compensation Study (SJR 17)
-Background on Occupational Disease -- Eddy McClure
-Options on Implementation of Court Cases regarding Occupational Disease
- Merger, including expanding definition of injury to include OD
 - Modification
 - Other
- 10:45 Other Workers' Compensation Issues
Recreational Exemption Proposal -- Larry Jones
Other
- 11:00 Public Comment on Workers' Compensation Issues, including Comments from Claimants (invited)
- 11:15 Committee discussion of next steps
- 11:30 a.m. Golden Enterprise Facilitation Program, Brad Bauman
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Board of Investments Review, Carroll South
- 1:30 p.m. Venture Capital Discussion
-History of Montana Capital Company Act - Gary Morehouse, Dept. of Commerce
-Venture Capital Overview/Discussion - Dave Bayless, Small World Networks, Inc.
-Presentations and Roundtable Perspectives on Business Financial and Policy Needs
- Venture Capital Users
 - Andrew Field, PrintingforLess.com
 - Tom McMakin, Thrive Capital
 - Economic Developers' Perspectives
 - Representatives from the Montana Economic Developers Association

John Kramer, Great Falls Development Authority
Liz Harris, Jobs Now, Inc.

--Technology Transfer Perspectives

Tony Rudbach, U. of Montana Ass't VP Research & Economic Development
Larry Hall, President, S&K Electronics, Representative of Business with Tech
Transfer Background

3:00 How Various Business Assistance Versions Work

--Angel Investors

Gary Bloomer, TechRanch

--Venture Capital Provider

Jon Marchi, Glacier Venture Capital

--Bank Capital Perspective

Keith Colbo, Montana Independent Bankers

4:00 Perspectives of State Involvement - Why and How -- Tom McMakin, Thrive Capital

4:20 Public Comment

4:35 Committee Discussion

5:00 Adjourn