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## AGENDA

May 19, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Capitol, Room 317 and Zoom

**Note:** All times are tentative

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order: Roll Call**  
*Representative Ler, Chair*
- 9:05 a.m. Tour of Gambling Control Division Testing Laboratory**  
*Matthew Weaver, Research Analyst*
- a. Transit to Testing Lab
  - b. Tour of Testing Lab
  - c. Return to Capitol
- 10:30 a.m. Administrative Rule Review**  
*Jameson Walker, Staff Attorney*
- 10:45 a.m. Member Topic: Robotics, AI, and MT Workforce**  
*Matthew Weaver, Research Analyst*
- a. Presentation: AI Licensing Concept  
*- Adam Meier, Cicero Institute*
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. Committee Discussion
- 11:15 a.m. Agency Oversight: Division of Banking and Financial Institutions**  
*Representative Ler, Chair*
- a. Department Update: *Commissioner, Melanie Hall*
  - b. Public Comment
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. Agency Oversight: Office of State Auditor and Insurance Commissioner**  
*Representative Ler, Chair*
- a. Department Update: *State Auditor, James Brown*
  - b. Update: HJ 61 Data Call
  - c. Update: Prescription Drug Stakeholder Meetings
  - d. Public Comment
- 1:45 p.m. Committee Draft Legislation Review: Gambling Oversight PD**  
*Jameson Walker, Staff Attorney*
- a. Staff Review
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. Committee Discussion

- 2:00 p.m. SHORT BREAK**
- 2:10 p.m. Committee Draft Legislation Review: Kratom PD 1.1**  
*Matthew Weaver, Lead Staff*
- a. Staff Review
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. Committee Discussion
- 3:00 p.m. SHORT BREAK**
- 3:10 p.m. Public Comment\*** on any topic under the Committee’s jurisdiction but not on this agenda
- 3:25 p.m. Work Session: Committee Discussion and Meeting Wrap Up**  
*Representative Ler, Chair*
- a. Instructions to Staff
  - b. Next Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. ADJOURN**

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