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AGENDA

July 17, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virginia City, Montana Heritage Commission Meeting Hall

Note: All times are tentative

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order: Roll Call**
Representative Ler, Chair
- 09:05 a.m. Administrative Rule Review**
Jameson Walker, Staff Attorney
- 09:15 a.m. Agency Oversight: Department of Commerce**
Representative Ler, Chair
a. Department Update: *Director, Marta Bertoglio*
b. Public Comment
- 10:00 a.m. SHORT BREAK**
- 10:10 a.m. Staff Tasks Overview**
Matthew Weaver, Research Analyst
a. Preparation for August meeting:
1. Provisional Drafts progress report (non-action item):
A. Kratom Ban
B. HB 407 (2025) Redraft
2. HJ 55 Licensing exemptions concepts (non-action item)
3. August Meeting ideas:
A. HJ 61: NAIC 2026 Data Call and Stakeholder Discussion
B. Agency Legislation proposals
C. Provisional Drafts review
b. Public Comment
c. Committee Discussion
- 10:55 a.m. SHORT BREAK**
- 11:00 a.m. Public Comment*** on any topic under the Committee's jurisdiction but not on this agenda
- 11:15 a.m. Work Session: Committee Discussion and Meeting Wrap Up**
Representative Ler, Chair
a. Instructions to Staff
b. Next Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. ADJOURN**

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