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AGENDA

August 18, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Capitol, Room 152 and Zoom

Note: All times are tentative

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order: Roll Call**
Representative Ler, Chair
- 9:05 a.m. Administrative Rule Review**
Jameson Walker, Staff Attorney
- 9:15 a.m. Cannabis and Alcohol Regulation Division (CARD): Agency Legislation Proposal**
Representative Ler, Chair
a. Agency Legislation Proposals: *Brendan Beatty, Director*
b. Public Comment
c. Legislator Question and Answer
d. Executive Action
- 9:35 a.m. Montana State Fund: Annual Report**
Representative Ler, Chair
a. Annual Report: *Kent Schlosser, Controller*
b. Public Comment
c. Legislator Question and Answer
- 10:00 a.m. SHORT BREAK**
- 10:05 a.m. Department of Commerce: Agency Oversight and Legislation Proposal**
Representative Ler, Chair
a. Agency Update and Legislation Proposals: *Mandy Rambo, Deputy Director*
b. Public Comment
c. Legislator Question and Answer
d. Executive Action
- 11:00 a.m. SHORT BREAK**
- 11:05 a.m. Department of Livestock: Agency Legislation Proposal**
Representative Ler, Chair
a. Agency Legislation Proposals: *Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer*
b. Public Comment
c. Legislator Question and Answer
d. Executive Action

- 11:45 a.m. Division of Banking and Financial Institutions: Agency Legislation Proposal**
Representative Ler, Chair
 a. Agency Legislation Proposals review: *Melanie Hall, Commissioner*
 b. Public Comment
 c. Legislator Question and Answer
 d. Executive Action
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. HJ 61 - Commissioner of Securities and Insurance: NAIC Data Call report**
Representative Ler, Chair
 a. NAIC Data Call: *Trevor Graff, Director of Government Affairs*
 b. Public Comment
 c. Legislator Question and Answer
- 2:00 p.m. SHORT BREAK**
- 2:05 p.m. HJ 61 - National Association of Insurance Commissioners: Hazard Mitigation**
Representative Ler, Chair
 a. Hazard Mitigation Presentation: *Brian Powell, Head of the Catastrophe Risk Resilience Center of Excellence (CRRCOE)*
 b. Public Comment
 c. Legislator Question and Answer
- 3:00 p.m. SHORT BREAK**
- 3:05 p.m. Commissioner of Securities and Insurance: Rx Drug Stakeholder Meetings**
Representative Ler, Chair
 a. Prescription Drug Stakeholder Meetings Update
 b. Public Comment
 c. Legislator Question and Answer
- 3:15 p.m. Commissioner of Securities and Insurance: Agency Legislation Proposal**
Representative Ler, Chair
 a. Agency Legislation Proposals: *Trevor Graff, Director of Government Affairs*
 b. Public Comment
 c. Legislator Question and Answer
 d. Executive Action
- 4:00 p.m. SHORT BREAK**
- 4:05 p.m. Committee Provisional Drafts**
Matthew Weaver, Research Analyst
 a. PD0003 Kratom Ban
 b. PD0004 Kratom Regulation (HB407-2025 Redraft)
 c. Public Comment
 d. Committee Discussion
- 4:30 p.m. Review of Committee Draft Final Reports**
Matthew Weaver, Research Analyst
 a. HJ 27
 b. HJ 52
 c. HJ 55
 d. HJ 61
 e. SJ 11
 f. SJ 33

- g. Public Comment
- h. Committee Discussion

5:15 p.m. SHORT BREAK

5:30 p.m. Public Comment* on any topic under the Committee's jurisdiction

5:45 p.m. Work Session: Committee Discussion and Meeting Wrap Up
Representative Ler, Chair

- a. Instructions to Staff
- b. Next Meeting

6:30 p.m. ADJOURN

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