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Energy and Technology Interim Committee
State Capitol, Room 154
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2026

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**

9:05 a.m. **Energy Task Force & Public Service Commission Update**
1. Energy Task Force Update- Director Sonja Nowakowski
2. PSC Update— Commissioners and Staff
3. Public Comment
4. Questions/Comments from the Committee

9:45 a.m. **SJ 12/21 Final Report Draft**
1. Draft Report Overview – Griffin Burns
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

10:00 a.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 013(Formerly PD051)- "New Large Loads to be Served by a Public Utility"—Cost Shift Prevention**
1. Proposed Legislation: PD013 –Chair Zolnikov
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

10:45 a.m. **Break**

11:00 a.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 021- "Generally Revising Consumer Protection Laws"**
1. Proposed Legislation: PD021 Overview- Chair Zolnikov
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee

4. Committee Action, if any

11:30 a.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 009- "Generally Revising Laws Related to Privacy"**

1. Proposed Legislation: PD010 – Reconsider Previous Committee Action- Chair Zolnikov
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

11:40 a.m. **Draft Legislation 010 & 011- "Revising Laws Related to Geothermal Energy"**

1. Proposed Legislation: PD010, PD011 - Vice Chair Edwards, DEQ
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

12:05 p.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 004 & 005- "Railroad Crossings & Equal Treatment of Railroad ROW Users"**

1. Proposed Legislation: PD004, PD005 - Montana League of Cities and Towns, BNSF
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 002 & 003- Interstate Transmission Development Compact and Transmission Expansion and Modernization Act(s)**

1. Proposed Legislation 002 & 003- Dave Herbst, American Power Play
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

1:55 p.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation PD0012- "Grid Utilization Act"**

1. Proposed Legislation: PD0012 - Sen. Pope
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

2:20 p.m. **Provisional Draft Legislation 006- "Solar Shares Act"**

1. Proposed Legislation: PD006 - Sen. Pope
2. Public Comment
3. Questions/Comments from the Committee

4. Committee Action, if any

2:45 p.m. **Public Comment on Matters Within the Jurisdiction of ETIC**

2:55 p.m. **Committee Work Session**

1. Open Discussion on Matters Within the Jurisdiction of ETIC
2. Assigning Carriers to Committee Legislation
3. Committee Action, if any

3:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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