House Economic and Business Development Committee Information

Meeting times and locations. The House Economic and Business Development Committee meets on Tuesday mornings upon adjournment of the House floor session and Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. It also meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm. The committee's designated meeting room is House Committee Room 0112. In some instances, the committee must meet in a different room to accommodate larger crowds or the needs of other committees. Changes to the committee's regular schedule are announced on the House floor prior to adjournment. Schedule changes and other information will also be broadcast via Twitter by the committee staff. The Twitter feed will be displayed on the committee's web page or you can follow the committee on Twitter at: COBusinessComm. The House Economic and Business Development Committee web page is located at: www.colorado.gov/lcs/HouseEconBusDevCmte.

Committee hearings. Committee meetings are broadcast over the internet. Interested persons who are not able to attend the meeting in person can listen live over the internet. To access the live feed, go the General Assembly's main page at http://leg.state.co.us. At the top of the page is a link to audio broadcasts of current proceedings. Individual committee hearings can be accessed by clicking on the room in which the meeting is occurring. Again, the House Economic and Business Development Committee meets in HCR 0112 unless otherwise noted in the calendar or on the House floor. In those instances where a committee room change is made at the last minute, the committee staff will broadcast that information via Twitter which will be displayed on the committee's web page as well.

Joint meetings with the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee. The joint rules of the House and Senate require the House Economic and Business Development Committee and the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee to stay advised of the activities, functions, and budgets of the Department of Labor and Employment, the Department of Personnel and Administration, the Department of Regulatory Agencies, and the Governor's Office of Information Technology. The House Economic and Business Development Committee meets jointly with the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee to receive briefings from these departments and the Joint Budget Committee. In addition, the committees have jurisdiction to conduct general oversight of the economic development activities of state government and may, jointly or separately, review the activities of any agencies of state government engaged in economic development matters. **Joint meetings of the House Economic and Business Development Committee and the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee will be held on Tuesday mornings upon adjournment of the floor proceedings in HCR 0112.**

Testifying before the committee. Individuals who wish to testify before the committee are asked to sign-up prior to the start of the meeting on the designated sign-up sheets. The sign-up sheets are available on the left side of the committee table. There will be a separate sign-up sheet for each bill the committee is hearing at each meeting. Individuals are asked to sign in on the sheet pertaining to their bill of interest.

The chair of the committee, Representative Larry Liston, is responsible for overseeing public testimony and will recognize those on the sign-up sheets in an order most conducive to the business before the committee. With rare exception, everyone signed up to testify will be called upon. Because the meetings are taped and broadcast over the internet, individuals who are testifying are asked to wait to be recognized by the chair prior to beginning their testimony. The appropriate manner of address to the committee chair is “Mister Chair.” The appropriate manner of address to House committee

members is “Representative.”

Once witnesses have been recognized by the chair, they may begin their testimony by giving their name and the organization they represent, if any. Committees are subject to tight deadlines and busy schedules. As a courtesy to the legislative members as well as those in the audience waiting to testify, witnesses are asked to keep their testimony concise, relevant to the bill, and, to the extent possible, to not repeat testimony that may have already been provided to the committee. Witnesses may distribute copies of handouts and written testimony to the committee. Witnesses who wish to distribute materials to the committee are asked to bring **14 copies** - one for each member of the committee, as well as a copy for the committee's official record. Please hand any materials to the committee staff person, who will distribute the materials to the committee members.

Witnesses are asked to observe professional decorum during the committee meetings. Clapping, booing, or otherwise disruptive behavior is not permitted. In addition, witnesses are asked to avoid any personal attacks or other emotional outbursts. Finally, all individuals present in the committee room are asked to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices prior to the start of the meeting.

Committee staff. The Legislative Council Staff person for the House Economic and Business Development Committee is Christie Lee. She is available to answer any questions regarding the committee schedule. Her phone is (303) 866-2756.