

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPS SUBCOM ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Gibson, on January 23, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 335  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Gibson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Walker, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch  
Tia Hunter, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing - Department of Corrections

00:10:20 Chairman Gibson

**Presentation from the Department of Corrections**

00:11:29 Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:13:07 Pam Bunke, Administrator, Adult Community Corrections Division, Department of Corrections (DOC)

**EXHIBIT(jch14a01)**

00:51:24 Chairman Gibson

**Public Comment:**

00:52:58 Mike Thatcher, Administrator, Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services, Inc. (CCCS)

**EXHIBIT(jch14a02)**

01:04:47 Sen. Walker left.

01:07:25 Mike Ruppert, Chief Executive Officer, Boyd Andrew Community Services

01:08:39 Sue Wilkins, Executive Director, Missoula Correctional Services (MCS)

01:15:13 Jim Ahrens, Great Falls Pre-Release Center, Inc.

01:17:53 Dave Armstrong, Administrator, Alternatives, Inc.

01:22:47 Scott Crichton, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

01:25:48 Recessed

01:39:32 Reconvened

**Discussion:**

01:39:36 Mr. DeWitt, LFD

01:42:33 Chairman Gibson

01:42:42 Rep. Brodehl

01:42:52 Mr. DeWitt, LFD

01:43:24 Chairman Gibson

01:45:20 Mike Batista, Director, DOC

01:45:53 Chairman Gibson

01:46:20 Mr. Batista, DOC

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:46:30 Chairman Gibson

01:46:52 Mr. Thatcher, CCCS

01:47:18 Chairman Gibson

01:47:28 Mr. Thatcher, CCCS

01:47:38 Chairman Gibson

01:48:09 Ms. Bunke, DOC

01:48:30 Chairman Gibson

01:48:55 Ms. Bunke, DOC

01:49:43 Chairman Gibson

01:49:46 Sen. Tropila

01:49:48 Chairman Gibson

01:50:08 Mr. Thatcher, CCCS

01:50:16 Chairman Gibson

01:50:18 Mr. Thatcher, CCCS

01:50:37 Chairman Gibson

01:50:45 Mr. Thatcher, CCCS

01:50:51 Chairman Gibson  
01:50:56 Mr. Thatcher, CCCS  
01:50:58 Chairman Gibson  
01:51:03 Mr. Thatcher, CCCS  
01:51:37 Chairman Gibson  
01:52:18 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
01:52:25 Chairman Gibson  
01:52:29 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
01:53:20 Chairman Gibson  
01:53:37 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
01:53:55 Chairman Gibson  
01:54:14 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
01:54:21 Chairman Gibson  
01:54:33 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
01:54:48 Chairman Gibson  
01:55:10 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
01:55:15 Chairman Gibson  
01:55:18 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
01:56:26 Chairman Gibson  
01:56:32 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
01:56:34 Chairman Gibson  
01:56:36 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
01:57:04 Chairman Gibson  
01:57:16 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
01:58:13 Chairman Gibson  
01:59:35 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
02:00:28 Chairman Gibson  
02:01:15 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
02:01:45 Chairman Gibson  
02:01:47 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
02:01:50 Chairman Gibson  
02:02:00 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
02:02:04 Chairman Gibson  
02:02:20 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
02:03:23 Chairman Gibson  
02:03:51 Mr. Ruppert, Boyd Andrew Community Services  
02:03:53 Chairman Gibson  
02:04:19 Mr. Ruppert, Boyd Andrew Community Services  
02:04:54 Chairman Gibson  
02:05:01 Mr. Ruppert, Boyd Andrew Community Services  
02:05:03 Chairman Gibson  
02:05:17 Mr. Ruppert, Boyd Andrew Community Services  
02:05:31 Chairman Gibson  
02:05:32 Mr. Ruppert, Boyd Andrew Community Services  
02:05:41 Rep. Dudik  
02:06:42 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
02:07:45 Rep. Dudik  
02:07:57 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
02:08:42 Rep. Dudik  
02:08:50 Ms. Bunke, DOC

02:09:10 Sen. Tropila  
02:10:12 Mr. Ahrens, Great Falls Pre-Release Center, Inc.  
02:10:45 Sen. Tropila  
02:11:30 Mr. Batista, DOC  
02:12:10 Sen. Tropila  
02:12:26 Rep. Brodehl  
02:12:55 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
02:13:44 Rep. Brodehl  
02:14:01 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
02:14:09 Chairman Gibson  
02:14:21 Ms. Bunke, DOC  
02:14:27 Chairman Gibson

**Presentation from Secure Care**

02:15:42 Mr. DeWitt, LFD  
02:19:17 Chairman Gibson  
02:19:26 Leroy Kirkegard, Warden, Montana State Prison, DOC  
**EXHIBIT(jch14a03)**  
02:41:02 Chairman Gibson  
02:41:30 Mr. Kirkegard, DOC  
02:43:05 Patrick Smith, Chief, Contract Placement Bureau, DOC  
02:52:00 Chairman Gibson  
02:52:07 Mr. Smith, DOC  
02:54:12 Chairman Gibson  
02:54:52 Jo Acton, Warden, Montana Women's Prison, DOC  
03:10:51 Sen. Walker returned.  
03:15:06 Chairman Gibson

**Public Comment:**

03:15:47 Craig Anderson, Sheriff, Dawson County  
03:18:15 Rudy Stock  
03:23:33 Chairman Gibson  
03:23:53 Mr. Stock  
03:27:33 Chairman Gibson  
03:27:35 Mr. Stock  
03:27:55 Chairman Gibson  
03:28:07 James Cox, Taxpayer and Community Volunteer  
03:32:50 Chairman Gibson  
03:33:58 Andrea Evans, Crossroads Correctional Facility, Corrections Corporation of America (CCA)  
03:34:47 Dan O'Fallon, Sheriff, Cascade County  
03:36:02 J.C. Weingartner, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

**Discussion:**

03:38:31 Chairman Gibson  
03:39:16 Mr. Batista, DOC  
03:39:51 Chairman Gibson  
03:42:22 Mr. Batista, DOC

03:42:25 Chairman Gibson  
03:42:27 Mr. Batista, DOC  
03:42:38 Mr. Kirkegard, DOC

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03:42:59 Chairman Gibson  
03:45:27 Mr. Kirkegard, DOC  
03:48:48 Chairman Gibson  
03:48:54 Rep. Brodehl  
03:49:37 Mr. Smith, DOC  
03:50:30 Rep. Brodehl  
03:50:52 Mr. Smith, DOC  
03:51:16 Rep. Brodehl  
03:51:18 Mr. Smith, DOC  
03:51:41 Rep. Brodehl  
03:51:53 Mr. Smith, DOC  
03:52:01 Rep. Dudik  
03:52:41 Mr. Kirkegard, DOC  
03:54:25 Rep. Dudik  
03:54:38 Mr. Kirkegard, DOC  
03:55:15 Rep. Dudik  
03:55:55 Mr. Kirkegard, DOC  
03:57:03 Chairman Gibson  
03:58:06 Mr. Kirkegard, DOC  
03:59:04 Chairman Gibson  
03:59:15 Rep. Dudik  
03:59:35 Mr. Kirkegard, DOC  
03:59:51 Chairman Gibson  
04:01:46 Sen. Troplia  
04:02:18 Mr. Smith, DOC  
04:02:33 Sen. Troplia  
04:03:32 Mr. Smith, DOC  
04:04:16 Sen. Troplia  
04:04:47 Mr. Smith, DOC  
04:05:06 Rhonda Schaffer, Administrator, Administrative and Financial Services Division,  
DOC  
04:05:40 Chairman Gibson  
04:05:52 Ms. Schaffer, DOC  
04:06:11 Sen. Troplia  
04:06:43 Mr. Kirkegard, DOC  
04:07:08 Sen. Walker  
04:07:41 Ms. Bunke, DOC

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Tia Hunter, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jch14aad.pdf](#))**