

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

Call to Order: Chair Randy Brodehl, on January 30, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 335
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kristin Hansen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Randy Brodehl, Chair (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Sally Speer, 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:

Judicial Branch
Water Court
Court Administration
Drug Treatment Court
Judicial Education
State Law Library
District Court
Clerk of the Court

00:00:04 Chair Hansen

Judicial Department

0 00:01:09 Mike McGrath, Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court
00:08:02 Rep. Dudik entered the meeting.
00:12:45 Chair Hansen
00:13:05 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator, Judicial Branch (JB)
00:14:46 Chair Hansen
00:15:38 Beth McLaughlin, JB
EXHIBIT(jch21a01)
00:15:54 Chair Hansen
00:16:01 Beth McLaughlin, JB
00:16:05 Chair Hansen
00:16:12 Beth McLaughlin, JB
00:19:34 Chair Hansen
00:19:44 Beth McLaughlin, JB

Questions: None

00:20:36 Beth McLaughlin, JB
00:20:51 Chair Hansen

Water Court

00:21:03 Russell McElyea, Chief Water Judge
00:26:35 Chair Brodehl entered the meeting and assumed chair.
00:28:55 Chair Brodehl
00:29:17 Beth McLaughlin, JB
00:34:07 Chair Brodehl

Questions from committee and responses:

00:34:19 Sen. Hansen
00:34:49 Adam Anfinson, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
00:37:48 Sen. Hansen
00:38:09 Adam Anfinson, OBPP
00:38:20 Chair Brodehl
00:38:31 Adam Anfinson, OBPP
00:38:42 Sen. Hansen
00:39:36 Russell McElyea, JB
00:40:54 Sen. Hansen
00:41:18 Russell McElyea, JB
00:41:28 Chair Brodehl
00:41:47 Russell McElyea, JB
00:42:03 Chair Brodehl
00:42:07 Russell McElyea, JB
00:43:44 Chair Brodehl
00:44:05 Russell McElyea, JB
00:44:31 Chair Brodehl
00:44:39 Russell McElyea, JB

00:45:09 Sen. Hansen
00:45:20 Russell McElyea, JB
00:46:40 Sen. Hansen
00:46:56 Russell McElyea, JB
00:47:23 Sen. Hansen
00:47:37 Rep. Holmlund
00:47:58 Russell McElyea, JB
00:49:24 Rep. Holmlund
00:49:53 Russell McElyea, JB
00:50:21 Chair Brodehl
00:50:41 Greg DeWitt, LFD
00:52:08 Chair Brodehl
00:52:23 Adam Anfinson, OBPP
00:52:59 Chair Brodehl
00:53:24 Adam Anfinson, OBPP
00:54:01 Chair Brodehl

Public Comment:

00:54:10 Holly Franz, Senior Water Rights Coalition (SWRC)
00:56:06 Chair Brodehl
00:56:10 Sen. Hansen
00:56:50 Holly Franz, SWRC
00:58:24 Chair Brodehl
00:58:30 Rep. Holmlund
00:58:49 Holly Franz, SWRC
01:00:15 Chair Brodehl

01:00:32 Recessed
01:10:51 Reconvened

01:10:57 Chair Brodehl
01:11:01 Greg DeWitt, LFD
01:12:29 Chair Brodehl
01:12:36 Rep. Dudik
01:12:49 Greg DeWitt, LFD
01:13:01 Chair Brodehl

Court Administration

01:13:05 Beth McLaughlin, JB
01:17:38 Chair Brodehl
01:17:41 Greg DeWitt, LFD
01:18:23 Chair Brodehl
01:18:32 Beth McLaughlin, JB
01:20:45 Chair Brodehl
01:20:49 Beth McLaughlin, JB
01:36:37 Sen. Howard
01:36:43 Beth McLaughlin, JB
01:40:41 Chair Brodehl
01:40:46 Beth McLaughlin, JB

Questions from committee and responses:

01:46:24 Chair Brodehl
01:46:32 Sen. Howard
01:47:23 Beth McLaughlin, JB
01:50:11 Chair Brodehl
01:50:13 Rep. Dudik
01:50:25 Beth McLaughlin, JB
01:52:09 Sen. Hansen
01:52:13 Beth McLaughlin, JB
01:54:28 Sen. Hansen
01:54:56 Beth McLaughlin, JB
01:57:52 Chair Brodehl
01:58:12 Beth McLaughlin, JB
01:59:21 Chair Brodehl
01:59:33 Beth McLaughlin, JB
02:00:14 Chair Brodehl
02:00:32 Beth McLaughlin, JB
02:01:01 Chair Brodehl
02:01:05 Beth McLaughlin, JB
02:01:07 Chair Brodehl
02:01:12 Beth McLaughlin, JB
02:01:29 Chair Brodehl

02:01:36 Recessed
02:11:51 Reconvened

02:12:13 Chair Brodehl
02:12:17 Adam Anfinson, OBPP
EXHIBIT(jch21a02)
02:14:11 Chair Brodehl
02:14:15 Greg DeWitt, LFD
02:15:22 Chair Brodehl
02:15:27 Rep. Holmlund
02:15:47 Chair Brodehl
02:16:26 Beth McLaughlin, JB
02:16:54 Chair Brodehl
02:17:04 Beth McLaughlin, JB

Drug Treatment Court

02:27:20 Chair Brodehl
02:27:29 Beth McLaughlin, JB
02:37:26 Chair Brodehl

Question from committee and responses:

02:37:38 Chair Brodehl
02:37:41 Sen. Wolken
02:38:45 Beth McLaughlin, JB
02:40:47 Chair Brodehl
02:40:52 Sen. Hansen

02:42:17 Chair Brodehl
 02:42:47 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 02:44:05 Sen. Hansen
 02:45:07 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 02:46:38 Sen. Hansen
 02:47:30 Chair Brodehl
 02:47:34 Sen. Wolken
 02:48:21 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 02:50:44 Sen. Wolken
 02:51:02 Chair Brodehl
 02:51:07 Rep. Dudik
 02:52:44 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 02:53:28 Rep. Dudik
 02:54:28 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 02:58:43 Chair Brodehl
 02:58:48 Sen. Hansen
 02:59:02 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 02:59:35 Sen. Hansen
 02:59:49 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 03:00:36 Chair Brodehl
 03:02:18 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 03:03:03 Chair Brodehl
 03:04:58 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 03:05:35 Chair Brodehl
 03:05:56 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 03:06:05 Chair Brodehl
 03:06:25 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 03:06:59 Chair Brodehl
 03:07:14 Beth McLaughlin, JB

Judicial Education Program

03:07:59 Chair Brodehl left the meeting.
 03:08:25 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 03:10:21 Chair Hansen assumed chair.

Questions from committee and responses:

03:10:45 Rep. Holmlund
 03:10:52 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 03:11:01 Chair Brodehl returned to meeting and assumed chair .
 03:11:15 Rep. Holmlund
 03:11:21 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 03:12:42 Chair Brodehl
 03:12:48 Sen. Hansen
 03:13:15 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 03:14:18 Sen. Hansen
 03:14:52 Beth McLaughlin, JB
 03:15:16 Chair Brodehl
 03:15:20 Greg DeWitt, LFD
 03:15:47 Sen. Hansen

03:16:11 Chair Brodehl
03:16:20 Sen. Hansen
03:17:29 Beth McLaughlin, JB
03:17:55 Sen. Hansen
03:18:05 Greg DeWitt, LFD
03:18:41 Sen. Hansen
03:18:57 Chair Brodehl
03:19:01 Becky Buska, Financial Services Director, Office of Court Administration, JB
03:20:12 Sen. Hansen
03:20:18 Chair Brodehl
03:20:29 Beth McLaughlin, JB
03:20:53 Chair Brodehl
03:21:01 Beth McLaughlin, JB
03:21:31 Chair Brodehl

Public comment:

03:21:40 Ed Bartlett, Montana Judges Association (MJA), Montana State Bar Association (MSBA)

EXHIBIT(jch21a03)

03:25:05 Chair Brodehl
03:25:10 Mary "Marti" Phippen Montana Magistrates Association (MMA), Montana Association of Clerks of District Court (MACDC)
03:25:45 Chair Brodehl
03:25:57 Beth McLaughlin, JB

State Law Library

03:26:05 Lisa Mecklenberg-Jackson, State Law Librarian, State Law Library, JB
03:31:05 Chair Brodehl
03:31:11 Greg DeWitt, LFD
03:31:44 Chair Brodehl

Public Comment: None

03:31:59 Beth McLaughlin, JB

District Court Program

03:33:10 Beth McLaughlin, JB

Questions from committee and responses: None

Clerk of the Court

03:37:22 Ed Smith, Clerk of the Supreme Court
03:38:51 Chair Brodehl

Questions from committee and responses : None

03:39:23 Beth McLaughlin, JB
03:40:53 Chair Brodehl

Questions from committee and responses: None

03:41:16 Chair Brodehl
03:41:20 Beth McLaughlin, JB
03:42:25 Chair Brodehl
03:42:30 Rep. Dudik
03:43:01 Beth McLaughlin, JB
03:43:48 Chair Brodehl
03:44:00 Greg DeWitt, LFD
EXHIBIT(jch21a04)
03:44:22 Chair Brodehl
03:44:45 Greg DeWitt, LFD
03:44:59 Chair Brodehl

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:46:05

Sally Speer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jch21 aad.pdf](#))