

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

Call to Order: Chair Matt Regier, on January 14, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317A
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Robyn Brown, Committee Secretary
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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:

Adoption of the 2019 base budget as the starting point for the 2021 biennium budget for each program in the following agencies: Judicial Branch, Department of Justice, Public Service Commission, Office of the Public Defender and Department of Corrections.

Committee Business:

09:01:52 Chair Regier

09:01:58 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jch06a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jch06a02\)](#)

09:03:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Regier moved that **THE HOUSE JOINT APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE ADOPT THE 2019 BASE BUDGET AS THE STARTING POINT FOR THE 2021 BIENNIUM BUDGET FOR EACH PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: JUDICIAL BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.**

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:03:43 Chair Regier

09:03:57 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

Justice Reinvestment discussion:

09:04:31 Cynthia Wolken, Department of Corrections (DOC)

09:07:35 Representative Dudik joined the meeting

09:10:46 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

[EXHIBIT\(jch06a03\)](#)

09:18:58 Cynthia Wolken, DOC

09:19:32 Kevin Olson, Department of Corrections (DOC)

09:24:43 Cynthia Wolken, DOC

09:25:31 Marsha Levitan, Peer Support Program, Department of Corrections (DOC)

09:32:28 Cynthia Wolken, DOC

09:34:40 Kevin Olson, DOC

09:45:19 Megan Coy, Department of Corrections (DOC)

09:55:05 Cynthia Wolken, DOC

09:55:53 Annette Carter, Department of Corrections (DOC)

10:09:11 Cynthia Wolken, DOC

10:09:52 Natalia Bowser, Department of Corrections (DOC)

10:16:21 Cynthia Wolken, DOC

10:17:09 Natalia Bowser, DOC

10:22:30 Cynthia Wolken, DOC

10:23:37 Rhonda Schaffer, Director, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

10:25:51 Chair Regier

Public comment:

10:26:27 Randy Knowles, self

10:36:53 Rebecca Barton, self

10:44:56 Marty Lambert, Gallatin County Attorney

10:49:47 Jackie Jones, Montana County Attorney's Association

[EXHIBIT\(jch06a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jch06a05\)](#)

10:50:51 Rudy Stock, self

10:55:32 Steve Cape, Montana Coalition of Safety and Justice

11:01:27 Caterina Maw, self
11:09:02 Henry Muntzer, self
11:13:29 Richard Shreves, self
11:20:51 Amy Tenney, Montana Community Corrections Association

Questions from Committee:

11:21:19 Chair Regier
11:21:58 Vice Chair Howard
11:22:45 Cynthia Wolken, DOC
11:22:52 Vice Chair Howard
11:22:59 Cynthia Wolken, DOC
11:23:10 Vice Chair Howard
11:23:55 Cynthia Wolken, DOC
11:24:32 John Daugherty, Department of Corrections (DOC)
11:25:30 Chair Regier
11:25:35 Rep. Lynch
11:25:42 Kevin Olsen, DOC
11:26:37 Rep. Lynch
11:27:04 Kevin Olsen, DOC
11:27:21 Rep. Lynch
11:27:57 Kevin Olsen, DOC
11:28:10 Rep. Lynch
11:28:24 Kevin Olsen, DOC
11:28:37 Chair Regier
11:28:43 Rep. Lynch
11:29:14 Annette Carter, DOC
11:29:29 Rep. Lynch
11:29:36 Chair Regier
11:29:51 Natalia Bowser, DOC
11:30:02 Chair Regier
11:30:14 Natalia Bowser, DOC
11:30:37 Chair Regier
11:30:43 Rep. Dudik
11:31:32 Cynthia Wolken, DOC
11:33:40 Rep. Dudik
11:33:46 Cynthia Wolken, DOC
11:35:09 Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

11:35:48 Adjournment

Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jch06aad.pdf](#))