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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 February 8, 2019 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317A
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt Regier, Chair (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Excused: Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)

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:

Comparison of General Fund, Entitlement Share Payments, and the cost to operate the Office of the Public Defender; Office of the Public Defender Budget Hearing

Executive Action: Requested the Appropriations Committee draft a bill titled "Revised Public Service Commissioners' Compensation".

Committee Business:

08:03:01 Chair Regier

Entitlement Share Payments:

08:03:42 Sam Schaeffer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:04:15 Sen. McConnell joined the meeting.

08:10:29 Chair Regier

08:10:32 Rep. Glimm

08:11:40 Sam Schaeffer, LFD

Comparison of General Fund/Costs to Operate the Office of the Public Defender:

08:12:46 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:21:26 Chair Regier

08:21:35 Rep. Glimm

08:21:56 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

08:22:39 Rep. Glimm

08:22:45 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

08:23:29 Rep. Dudik

08:24:19 Sen. Osmundson

08:25:02 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

08:25:15 Sen. McConnell

08:25:27 Chair Regier

08:25:42 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

08:26:22 Rep. Dudik

08:27:17 Chair Regier

Public Comment:

08:27:31 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

08:32:50 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities of Towns (MLCT)

08:39:11 Sen. Osmundson left the meeting.

Office of Public Defender:

08:40:44 Rhonda Schaffer, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

09:01:17 Marci Lewandowski, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

09:05:58 Chair Regier

09:06:22 Sen. McConnell

09:07:30 Marci Lewandowski, LFD

09:07:55 Rep. Glimm

09:08:49 Dan Miller, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

09:10:03 Rep. Glimm

09:10:24 Dan Miller, OPD

09:10:41 Rep. Dudik

09:11:16 Dan Miller, OPD

09:11:44 Chair Regier

09:12:00 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD

09:12:47 Rep. Dudik
09:13:13 Sen. McConnell

Public Defender Division:

09:13:51 Peter Ohman, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

09:29:55 Rep. Lynch joined the meeting.

Public Comment:

09:42:18 Timm Twardoski, AFSCME

09:46:02 Marci Lewandowski, LFD

Questions from Committee:

09:48:12 Chair Regier

09:49:16 Peter Ohman, OPD

09:51:48 Sen. McConnell

09:52:28 Peter Ohman, OPD

09:55:29 Rep. Dudik

09:55:51 Peter Ohman, OPD

09:59:12 Chair Regier

09:59:32 Peter Ohman, OPD

10:02:02 Christine Hultin, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

10:02:20 Peter Ohman, OPD

10:03:48 Rep. Lynch

10:04:13 Peter Ohman, OPD

10:05:32 Rep. Lynch

10:06:19 Chair Regier

10:06:47 The Committee recessed.

10:25:00 The Committee reconvened.

Human Resources:

10:25:17 Travis Tillman, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

Public Comment:

None.

Questions from Committee:

None.

Appellate Defender Division:

10:32:44 Chad Wright, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

10:44:57 Marci Lewandowski, LFD

Public Comment:

None.

Questions from Committee:

10:46:56 Sen. McConnell
10:47:22 Chad Wright, OPD

Conflict Coordinator Division:

10:50:49 Dan Miller, OPD
10:57:51 Marci Lewandowski, LFD

Public Comment:

None.

Questions from Committee:

11:00:22 Rep. Glimm
11:00:59 Dan Miller, OPD
11:01:51 Rep. Dudik
11:02:32 Dan Miller, OPD
11:04:53 Rep. Dudik
11:05:05 Dan Miller, OPD

Central Services Division:

11:07:06 Carleen Green, Office of Public Defender (OPD)
11:19:32 Marci Lewandowski, LFD

Public Comment:

None.

Questions from Committee:

11:21:58 Chair Regier
11:22:15 Carleen Green, OPD
11:22:52 Chair Regier
11:23:07 Carleen Green, OPD
11:24:33 Chair Regier
11:24:39 Carleen Green, OPD
11:25:25 Rep. Dudik
11:26:04 Carleen Green, OPD
11:26:43 Rep. Lynch
11:27:03 Carleen Green, OPD
11:27:13 Rep. Glimm
11:27:25 Carleen Green, OPD
11:28:37 Rep. Dudik
11:29:15 Carleen Green, OPD
11:29:25 Rep. Lynch
11:30:02 Carleen Green, OPD
11:30:35 Rep. Lynch
11:31:23 Carleen Green, OPD
11:32:27 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD
11:37:12 Rep. Dudik
11:38:41 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD
11:39:23 Peter Ohman, OPD

11:39:59 Rep. Dudik
11:40:26 Peter Ohman, OPD
11:40:54 Chair Regier
11:43:15 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

EXECUTIVE ACTION

11:44:21 **Motion/Vote:** Chair Regier moved that **THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE DRAFT A BILL TITLED "REVISED PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONERS' COMPENSATION"**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Vice Chair Howard and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45:35

Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jch26aad.pdf](#))