

**MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

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

Call to Order: Chair Bill Mercer, on January 8, 2021 at 9:30 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Mercer, Chair (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Barry Usher, Chair (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Amy Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Marci Lewandowski, Fiscal Analyst
Jacquie Simmons, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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: Panelist Hearing

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10:09:20 Commissioner Randy Brodehl, Flathead County
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10:25:34 Michael Ferriter, Department of Corrections (DOC)
10:45:47 Chair Mercer
10:46:02 Rep. Kelker
10:46:47 Chief Overman, Kalispell Police Department
10:48:48 Commissioner Brodehl, Flathead County
10:49:13 Chair Mercer
10:49:41 Rep. Patelis
10:51:35 Rep. Usher assumed the chair
10:51:40 Chief Justice McGrath, Montana Supreme Court
10:53:21 Rep. Patelis
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10:53:32 Rep. Hinkle
10:54:07 Chief Justice McGrath, Montana Supreme Court
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10:57:56 Christine Hultin, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
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11:18:25 Chair Mercer resumed the chair
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11:21:26 Commissioned Brodehl, Flathead County
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11:22:47 Jim Brown, Sergeant at Arms Staff
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11:40:27 Marci Lewandowski, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
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11:41:15 Chief Justice McGrath Sergeant at Arms Staff
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11:43:00 Recess
14:02:35 Reconvened

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14:06:40 Sheriff Mike Linder, Yellowstone County
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14:47:59 Zoe Barnard, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
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14:54:40 Marti Vining, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
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ADJOURNMENT

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Cristen Friede, Secretary

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