

## 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 21, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317A Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bill Mercer, Chair (R)  
Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary  
Marc Lewandowski, Legislative Fiscal Division  
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:** Department of Corrections

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08:05:07 Chair Mercer  
08:05:33 Maci Lewandowski, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
08:06:06 Chair Mercer  
08:05:39 Rep. Patelis  
08:13:25 Andrea Evans, CoreCivic  
08:14:26 Sen. Lynch  
08:14:42 Andrea Evans, CoreCivic  
08:15:10 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
08:15:47 Andrea Evans, CoreCivic  
08:16:25 Rep. Patelis  
08:16:51 Andrea Evans, CoreCivic  
08:17:09 Chair Mercer  
08:19:59 Andrea Evans, CoreCivic  
08:21:04 Sen. Lynch  
08:21:13 Andrea Evans, CoreCivic  
08:21:18 Rep. Patelis  
08:21:33 Andrea Evans, CoreCivic  
08:22:03 Chair Mercer  
08:22:46 Cynthia Wolken, Department of Corrections (DOC)  
08:24:39 Sen. Lynch  
08:25:21 Cynthia Wolken, DOC  
08:26:07 Sen. Osmundson  
08:26:33 Cynthia Wolken, DOC  
08:26:45 Chair Mercer  
08:30:33 Jim Salmonsens, Montana State Prison (MSP)  
08:31:07 Rep. Patelis  
08:31:45 Jim Salmonsens, MSP  
08:32:23 Chair Mercer  
08:35:57 Cynthia Wolken, DOC  
08:36:41 Chair Mercer  
08:37:07 Rep. Patelis  
08:39:01 Cynthia Wolken, DOC  
08:39:40 Chair Mercer  
08:42:19 Steve Ray, Pine Hills Correctional Facility (PHCF)  
08:42:54 Cynthia Wolken, DOC  
08:43:37 Gayle Butler, Montana Correctional Enterprises (MCE)\_  
**EXHIBIT(jch14a01)**  
  
09:21:09 Maci Lewandowski, LFD  
09:29:42 Christine Hultin, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
09:29:51 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
09:33:41 Gayle Butler, MCE  
09:34:26 Rep. Nave  
09:35:47 Gayle Butler, MCE  
09:36:35 Sen. Lynch  
09:37:03 Gayle Butler, MCE  
09:37:57 Chair Mercer  
09:53:52 Gayle Butler, MCE  
09:54:31 Chair Mercer

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09:56:30 Cynthia Wolken, DOC  
09:57:35 Chair Mercer  
09:58:52 Sen. Lynch  
10:02:29 Chair Mercer  
10:02:49 Sen. Lynch  
10:03:39 Chair Mercer  
10:04:27 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)  
10:08:24 Larry Nielsen, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)  
10:05:36 May Simmons, Self  
10:10:19 Clemente Arciga, self  
10:12:48 Josh Butterfly, self  
10:20:18 Jasmine Krotkov, self  
10:21:45 Laurie LittleDog, self  
10:24:56 Jacquie Simmons, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)  
10:25:13 Chair Mercer  
10:26:20 Cynthia Wolken, DOC  
10:26:35 Recess  
10:42:02 Reconvened  
10:42:22 Cynthia Wolken, DOC  
10:42:58 Chair Mercer  
10:43:43 Connie Winner, Department of Corrections (DOC)

**EXHIBIT(jch14a02)**

10:44:31 Chair Mercer  
10:45:10 Steffani Turner, CSD  
10:45:32 Connie Winner, CSD

**EXHIBIT(jch14a03)**

11:44:29 Chair Mercer  
11:44:51 Marci Lewandowski, LFD  
11:49:18 Chair Mercer  
11:49:25 Christine Hultin, OBPP  
11:49:32 Chair Mercer  
11:50:09 May Simmons, self  
11:51:14 Clemenre Arciga, self  
11:56:06 Laurie Little Dog, self  
11:59:42 Josh Butterfly, self  
12:03:50 Sen. Lynch  
12:04:09 Chair Mercer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:05:20

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Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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