

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 February 1, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317A
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Marci 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

Department of Corrections:

09:03:59 Sen. Lynch joined the meeting
09:04:00 Chair Mercer
09:15:41 Megan Coy, Department of Corrections (DOC)
09:16:17 Rep. Patelis
09:23:56 Megan Coy, DOC
09:24:19 Rep. Nave
09:25:02 Megan Coy, DOC
09:25:52 Sen. Lynch
09:30:58 Megan Coy, DOC
09:35:48 Kevin Olson, Department of Pardons and Parol (P&P)
09:36:01 Rep. Patelis
09:40:00 Kevin Olson, DOC
09:40:46 Rep. Patelis
09:43:34 Megan Coy, DOC
09:44:12 Sen. Lynch
09:50:31 Megan Coy, DOC
09:51:52 Sen. Lynch
09:53:23 Cynthia Wolken, Department of Corrections (DOC)
09:54:14 Sen. Lynch
09:58:09 Megan Coy, DOC
09:58:16 Rep. Patelis
09:58:57 Megan Coy, DOC
09:59:00 Rep. Patelis
10:03:11 Kevin Olson, P&P
10:03:39 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:05:37 Kevin Olson, P&P
10:06:03 Chair Mercer
10:15:35 Megan Coy, DOC
10:17:09 Chair Mercer
10:17:50 Sen. Lynch
10:18:32 Cynthia Wolken, DOC
10:18:40 Sen. Lynch
10:24:48 Kevin Olson, P&P
10:25:13 Chair Mercer

10:25:44 Recess
10:38:49 Reconvened

10:38:58 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:41:57 Kevin Olson, P&P
10:42:56 Marci Lewandowski, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
10:43:15 Rep. Kerr Carpenter
10:43:56 Chair Mercer
11:00:21 Megan Coy, DOC
11:02:24 Rep. Patelis
11:03:45 Cynthia Wolken, DOC
11:04:20 Chair Mercer

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11:07:48 Megan Coy, DOC
11:08:09 Chair Mercer
11:11:17 Kevin Olson, P&P
11:12:09 Director Brian Gootkin, Department of Corrections (DOC)
11:12:51 Sen. Lynch
11:13:25 Chair Mercer
11:23:11 Megan Coy, DOC
11:23:38 Rep. Patelis
11:24:14 Cynthia Wolken, DOC
11:25:05 Rep. Patelis
11:25:25 Megan Coy, DOC
11:25:32 Rep. Patelis
11:25:44 Chair Mercer
11:27:10 Amy Tenney, Montana Corrections Association (MCA)
11:31:13 David Armstrong, Indian Peoples Action
11:35:02 Chair Mercer
11:36:06 Mike Thatcher, Community Counseling and Correctional Services (CCCS)
11:45:17 May Simmons, self
11:48:06 Clemente Arciga, self
11:51:10 Lita Pepion, self
11:52:57 Laurie Little Dog, self

EXHIBIT(jch21a01)

11:55:43 Marcos Bullchild, Opening Doors
11:59:00 Josh Butterfly, Opening Doors

EXHIBIT(jch21a02)

12:03:14 Chair Mercer
12:03:30 Josh Butterfly, Opening Doors
12:04:14 Chair Mercer

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:06:55

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jch21aad.pdf](#))