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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUSTICE

Call to Order: Chair Matt Regier, on March 16, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt Regier, Chair (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Brooke Sangray, Committee Secretary
Marci Lewandowski, Legislative Division
Josh Poulette, Legislative Division
Molly Delcurto, Legislative Division
Anthony Flores Nuno, 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: Hearing from Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Corrections and Judicial Branch on HB 632; Public Testimony

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08:26:50 Director Adam Meier, Department of Public Health and Human Services
(DPHHS)
08:26:57 Laura Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
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10:52:31 Rep. Patelis
10:53:36 Chair Regier left the meeting
10:53:48 Rep. Moore assumed the chair
10:54:37 Zoe Barnard, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, of the Department of
Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
10:55:11 Rep. Patelis
10:57:21 Director Wolken, DOC
10:58:21 Connie Winner, Montana Department of Corrections (DOC)

11:00:08 Chair Regier resumed the chair
11:00:16 Rep. Moore yield the chair

11:00:23 Rep. Patelis
11:01:08 Zoe Barnard, AMDD
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Public Testimony

11:48:45 Joel Peden, Montana Association of Centers for Independent Living (MTCIL)
[EXHIBIT\(jhh52a01\)](#)

11:49:43 Sen. Glimm joined the meeting
11:54:16 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana
11:59:25 Rep. Moore left the meeting
11:59:43 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh52a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh52a03\)](#)

12:07:38 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
(MCADSV)
12:11:54 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting
12:13:19 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
12:19:12

Brooke Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jhh52aad.pdf](#))