

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

Call to Order: Chair Tom McGillvray-R, on January 09, 2023 at 8:05 AM, in 317A

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Bill Mercer, Chair (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

Staff Present: Macy McCauley, Secretary

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 & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

08:05:43 **Committee Discussion:** Discussion

08:05:49 Chair Bill Mercer

08:07:58 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

09:00:31 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

08:08:11 **Motion:** Motion

08:08:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:10:07 Sen. Lynch has arrived

08:10:52 **Committee Discussion:** Discussion

08:10:58 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

08:11:18 Chair Bill Mercer

08:11:23 Rep. Fiona Nave

08:11:52 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

08:12:13 Cathy Duncan

08:13:45 Chair Bill Mercer

08:14:25 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

08:14:44 Chair Bill Mercer

08:15:02 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

08:15:04 Chair Bill Mercer

08:15:13 Cathy Duncan

08:17:40 **Committee Discussion:** Office Of Public Defender Committee Discussion

08:18:06 Cathy Duncan

08:25:28 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

08:25:43 Brent Doig, Office Of Gov. Budget

08:26:40 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

08:26:46 Cathy Duncan

08:27:20 Brent Doig, Governors Budget Office

08:28:29 Chair Bill Mercer

08:30:37 Brent Doig, GBO

08:31:08 Chair Bill Mercer

08:32:31 Cathy Duncan

08:33:18 Brent Doig, GBO

08:33:37 Sen. Lynch

08:35:24 Brent Doig, GBO

08:36:33 Chair Bill Mercer

08:34:41 Sen. Lynch has arrived

08:38:08 **Committee Discussion:** Budget Analysis

08:38:21 Cathy Duncan

08:39:28 Chair Bill Mercer

08:39:45 Cathy Duncan

08:42:46 Rep. Fiona Nave

08:44:07 Walker Hopkins

08:45:07 Chair Bill Mercer

08:45:19 Cathy Duncan

08:51:24 Rep. Fiona Nave

08:51:52 Cathy Duncan

08:52:27 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

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08:53:03 Walker Hopkins
08:53:58 Rep. Fiona Nave
08:54:17 Walker Hopkins
08:54:32 Cathy Duncan
08:55:38 Chair Bill Mercer
08:55:44 Cathy Duncan
08:56:08 Chair Bill Mercer
08:59:09 Cathy Duncan
08:59:50 Chair Bill Mercer
08:59:53 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.
09:01:02 Cathy Duncan
09:02:01 Brent Doig, OGB
09:02:57 Office Of Public Defender
09:03:23 Cathy Duncan
09:04:23 Chair Bill Mercer
09:14:03 Cathy Duncan
09:15:26 Chair Bill Mercer
09:15:58 Cathy Duncan
09:17:02 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray
09:17:57 Chair Bill Mercer
09:18:25 Brent Doig, OPB
09:19:16 Cathy Duncan
09:19:49 Sen. Shelley Vance
09:20:48 Chair Bill Mercer

09:23:06 Cathy Duncan

09:25:08 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:25:14 Cathy Duncan

09:38:02 Chair Bill Mercer

09:38:43 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:39:08 Cathy Duncan

09:40:13 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:41:01 Brent Doig, OBP

09:41:21 Walker Hopkins

09:04:37 **Recessed**

09:13:18 **Reconvened**

09:42:44 **Committee Discussion:** Office Of Public Defender Presentation

09:44:35 Brett Schandelson, Office Of Public Defender

09:52:54 Chair Bill Mercer

09:56:21 Brett Schandelson, Office Of Public Defender

09:56:47 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

09:57:36 Brett Schandelson, Office Of Public Defender

09:59:07 Chair Bill Mercer

09:59:41 Brett Schandelson, Office Of Public Defender

10:00:00 Chair Bill Mercer

10:00:39 Brett Schandelson, Office Of Public Defender

10:02:33 Chair Bill Mercer

10:02:49 Brett Schandelson, Office Of Public Defender

10:13:58 Chair Bill Mercer

10:15:58 **Recessed**

10:25:04 **Reconvened**

10:25:48 **Committee Discussion:** Office Of Public Defender Presentation

10:25:54 Brett Schandelson, Office Of Public Defender

10:30:45 Sen. Lynch

10:31:02 Brett Schandelson, Office Of Public Defender

10:31:06 Chair Bill Mercer

10:31:33 Brett Schandelson, Office Of Public Defender

10:33:21 Chair Bill Mercer

10:33:40 **Committee Discussion:** Revenue Analyst - Office of Budget and planning

10:25:02 Rep. Michele Binkley left the meeting.

10:34:29 Ralph Franklin, Revenue Analyst Office Of Budget and Planning

10:34:47 [EXHIBIT\(230109JCHa1\)](#)

10:42:38 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

10:45:05 Ralph Franklin, Revenue Analyst Office Of Budget and Planning

10:48:40 Chair Bill Mercer

10:49:28 Ralph Franklin, Revenue Analyst Office Of Budget and Planning

10:50:18 Chair Bill Mercer

10:50:21 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

10:52:34 Cathy Duncan

10:52:45 Ralph Franklin, Revenue Analyst Office Of Budget and Planning

10:53:14 Amy Desano, Deputy Director

10:55:07 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

10:56:25 Chair Bill Mercer

10:57:20 Amy Desano, Deputy Director

10:58:42 **Committee Discussion:** Office Of Public Defender Presentation

10:58:58 Brett Schandelson, Office Of Public Defender

11:04:19 Chair Bill Mercer

11:04:29 Brett Schandelson, Office Of Public Defender

11:22:13 Chair Bill Mercer

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:23:14

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230109JCHaad\)](#)