

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 Bill Mercer-R, on January 10, 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)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (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:

08:06:44 Rep. Nave has left

08:07:30 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

08:07:35 Walker Hopkins

08:08:50 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

08:10:12 Cathy Duncan

08:18:19 Chair Bill Mercer

08:23:23 Cathy Duncan

08:27:25 Chair Bill Mercer

08:27:29 Cathy Duncan

08:30:25 Rep. Mercer

08:32:26 Walker Hopkins

08:34:08 Chair Bill Mercer

08:34:52 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:42:18 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

08:44:46 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

08:45:04 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:50:24 Brent Doig, OBPP

08:51:10 Chair Bill Mercer

08:52:38 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

08:53:41 Chair Bill Mercer

08:54:52 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:56:21 Chair Bill Mercer

08:56:32 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

08:57:05 Chair Bill Mercer

08:57:21 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

08:57:39 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

09:00:58 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

09:01:51 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

09:00:26 Rep. Nave has arrived

09:03:40 **Recessed**

09:13:55 **Reconvened**

09:14:21 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

09:14:44 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:15:08 Chair Bill Mercer

09:15:27 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:16:18 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:17:04 Chair Bill Mercer

09:17:38 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:18:20 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:19:09 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:19:41 Sen. Shelley Vance

09:20:40 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:22:49 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:23:41 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:25:16 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

09:26:01 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:27:04 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:28:07 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

09:28:51 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:30:04 Chair Bill Mercer

09:30:42 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

09:46:06 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

09:46:48 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

09:47:07 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:50:49 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:52:09 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

09:54:22 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

09:55:09 Chair Bill Mercer

09:56:00 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

10:09:20 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:10:06 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

10:14:12 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

10:15:05 Cathy Duncan, LFD

10:16:09 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

10:16:23 Brent Doig, OBPP

10:18:08 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

10:18:28 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

10:19:07 Brent Doig, OBPP

10:19:12 Chair Bill Mercer

10:19:43 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

10:20:01 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

10:20:55 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:21:24 Chair Bill Mercer

10:22:00 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

10:23:20 **Recessed**

10:40:05 **Reconvened**

10:40:26 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

10:41:00 Sen. Shelley Vance

10:41:41 Brent Doig, OBPP

10:45:11 Chair Bill Mercer

10:45:23 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

10:45:32 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

10:45:47 Cathy Duncan, LFD

10:47:21 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

10:50:05 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

10:51:00 Amy Sasano, Governor's Budget Office, Deputy Director

10:53:37 Chair Bill Mercer

10:53:55 Amy Sasano, Governor's Budget Office, Deputy Director

10:54:25 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

10:55:06 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:55:30 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

10:58:15 Amy Sasano, Governor's Budget Office, Deputy Director

11:00:23 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

11:01:12 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
11:02:16 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion
11:02:25 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
11:13:25 Rep. Fiona Nave
11:19:40 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
11:21:36 Chair Bill Mercer
11:22:51 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
11:27:56 Chair Bill Mercer
11:29:32 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
11:33:06 Chair Bill Mercer
11:35:18 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
11:42:19 Sen. Shelley Vance left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:44:19

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230110JCHaad\)](#)

