

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 11, 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:

08:09:38 **Committee Discussion:** Office Of Public Defender

08:09:44 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:09:45 Chair Bill Mercer

08:11:29 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:12:35 Chair Bill Mercer

08:12:49 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:13:49 Walker Hopkins LFD

08:14:45 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:15:53 Chair Bill Mercer

08:20:38 Sen. Shelley Vance left the meeting.

08:26:14 Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:27:58 Chair Bill Mercer

08:29:47 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:31:29 Walker Hopkins LFD

08:32:03 Chair Bill Mercer

08:32:26 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:33:40 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:36:36 Chair Bill Mercer

08:38:12 Walker Hopkins LFD

08:39:01 Chair Bill Mercer

08:40:28 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:45:12 Chair Bill Mercer

08:46:09 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:48:27 Chair Bill Mercer

08:49:09 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:50:16 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

08:50:59 Chair Bill Mercer

08:53:11 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:54:32 Chair Bill Mercer

08:54:39 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:54:43 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

08:55:36 Chair Bill Mercer

08:55:40 Sen. Shelley Vance joined the meeting.

08:56:18 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

08:58:48 Chair Bill Mercer

08:59:50 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

09:01:41 Chair Bill Mercer

09:01:49 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender

09:03:02 Chair Bill Mercer

09:03:16 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

09:03:53 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:05:58 Chair Bill Mercer

09:06:53 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:08:17 Chair Bill Mercer

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09:10:19 **Recessed**

09:24:26 **Reconvened**

09:26:01 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

09:27:16 Chair Bill Mercer

09:28:28 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:33:09 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

09:35:59 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:37:23 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:37:39 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:38:09 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

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09:39:04 Walker Hopkins LFD

09:40:33 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

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09:41:27 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:41:55 Chair Bill Mercer

09:42:30 Cathy Duncan, LFD

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09:45:14 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

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10:44:08 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

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10:44:21 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

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11:56:49 Maggie Borinstein

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:58:07

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230111JCHaad\)](#)