

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 Rep. Bill Mercer-R, on January 17, 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:

08:05:44 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter has arrived

08:06:39

Committee Discussion:

08:07:09 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:07:55 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:11:46 Brian Smith, Public Defender Division Administrator

08:12:49 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:13:48 Brian Smith, Public Defender Division Administrator

08:14:52 Rep. Fiona Nave

08:14:54 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:16:09 Rep. Fiona Nave

08:16:12 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:16:50 Rep. Michele Binkley left the meeting.

08:16:58 Brent Doig, OBPP

08:17:28 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

08:18:12 Rep. Bill Mercer

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08:20:08 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:23:54 Sen. Shelley Vance joined the meeting.

08:16:00 Sen. Shelley Vance left the meeting.

08:21:07

Committee Discussion:

08:21:21 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:21:31 Walker Hopkins LFD
08:24:04 Sen. Tom McGillvray
08:24:54 Brian Smith, Public Defender Division Administrator
08:25:06 Sen. Tom McGillvray
08:25:26 Rep. Bill Mercer
08:26:31 Sen. Ryan Lynch
08:27:01 Rep. Bill Mercer
08:29:03 Sen. Tom McGillvray
08:30:05 Walker Hopkins LFD
08:32:13 Brent Doig, OBPP
08:32:49 Rep. Bill Mercer
08:33:46 Walker Hopkins LFD
08:35:15 Rep. Bill Mercer
08:35:16 Brent Doig, OBPP
08:36:19 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:36:52 Rep. Bill Mercer
08:37:05 Brent Doig, OBPP
08:37:28 Sen. Tom McGillvray
08:37:59 Brent Doig, OBPP
08:38:24 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:39:24 Rep. Bill Mercer
08:39:36 Rep. Fiona Nave

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08:42:16	Brent Doig, OBPP
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08:46:19	Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:48:37	Rep. Bill Mercer
08:50:04	Sen. Shelley Vance
08:50:55	Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:51:57	Sen. Shelley Vance
08:53:16	Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
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09:26:41 Recessed

09:36:05 Reconvened

09:36:31

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09:38:46 Rep. Fiona Nave joined the meeting.

09:38:49 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:52:11

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230117JCHaad\)](#)