

**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 18, 2023 at 8:02 AM, in 317A

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Bill Mercer, 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)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)

**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:

08:02:24            **Committee Discussion:** Agent Budget Summary

08:02:32            Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:04:59            Chair Bill Mercer

08:06:30            Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:07:16            Walker Hopkins LFD

08:08:34            Chair Bill Mercer

08:09:15            Walker Hopkins LFD

08:22:02            **Committee Discussion:** Supreme Court Agency Presentation

08:23:15            Mike McGrath, Chief Justice Montana Supreme Court

08:28:15            Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

08:28:47            Chair Bill Mercer left the meeting.

08:39:59            Sen. Shelley Vance

08:42:39            Mike McGrath, Chief Justice Montana Supreme Court

08:44:54            Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:45:27            Mike McGrath, Chief Justice Montana Supreme Court

08:46:34            Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:48:18            Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

08:51:32            Walker Hopkins LFD

09:06:35            Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

09:10:23            [EXHIBIT\(230118JCHa1\)](#)

09:10:26            [EXHIBIT\(230118JCHa2\)](#)

09:13:08 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:14:19 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

09:17:38 [EXHIBIT\(230118JCHa3\)](#)

09:19:58 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

09:34:15 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:36:55 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:37:26 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

09:37:52 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

09:42:09 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

09:44:34 **Recessed**

09:59:23 **Reconvened**

09:59:50 **Committee Discussion:** Supreme Court Agency Presentation Continued

09:59:56 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

10:03:59 Brent Doig, OBPP

10:05:03 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

10:12:25 Sen. Shelley Vance

10:13:04 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

10:24:34 Rep. Fiona Nave

10:25:47 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

10:32:22 Sen. Shelley Vance

10:33:16 **Committee Discussion:** Questions

10:33:20 Rep. Fiona Nave

10:34:38 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

10:35:50 Rep. Fiona Nave

10:36:17 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

10:36:54 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

10:39:40 Mike McGrath, Chief Justice Montana Supreme Court

10:41:39 Rep. Fiona Nave

10:42:56 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

10:43:41 Rep. Fiona Nave

10:43:56 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

10:44:38 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

10:45:34 **Committee Discussion:** DP 1-3

10:45:43 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

11:01:54 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

11:01:56 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

11:03:43 **Committee Discussion:** Law Library

11:03:54 Walker Hopkins LFD

11:06:51 Beth McLaughlin, Chief Justice Administrator

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:10:59

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

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