

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 24, 2023 at 8:01 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)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Shelley Vance (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:

08:02:42 **Committee Discussion:** Overview

08:02:47 Chair Bill Mercer

08:02:47 Sen. Shelley Vance joined the meeting.

08:04:50 Walker Hopkins LFD

08:07:10 Chair Bill Mercer

08:07:40 **Committee Discussion:** Montana Board of Parole

08:01:09 [EXHIBIT\(230124JCHa1\)](#)

08:07:44 Jim Patelis, Montana Board of Pardons and Patrols

08:16:52 Joseph McElroy, Chief of Staff

08:25:22 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

08:26:43 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

08:32:55 Sen. Shelley Vance

08:33:51 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

08:34:26 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

08:37:32 Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:38:00 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

08:39:10 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

08:39:20 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

08:39:48 Sen. Shelley Vance

08:40:23 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

08:47:12 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

08:47:15 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole
08:48:01 Joseph McElroy, Chief of Staff
08:54:34 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
08:54:46 Joseph McElroy, Chief of Staff
08:55:46 Rep. Fiona Nave
08:57:10 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole
09:00:15 Joseph McElroy, Chief of Staff
09:02:41 Rep. Fiona Nave
09:04:14 Joseph McElroy, Chief of Staff
09:04:23 Rep. Fiona Nave
09:05:58 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole
09:06:29 Rep. Fiona Nave
09:07:09 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole
09:20:54 Sen. Ryan Lynch
09:21:03 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole
09:21:45 Sen. Ryan Lynch
09:23:19 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole
09:26:59 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
09:27:46 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole
09:28:22 Joseph McElroy, Chief of Staff
09:33:42 Chair Bill Mercer
09:37:07 Joseph McElroy, Chief of Staff
09:39:31 Chair Bill Mercer
09:41:29 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

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09:43:39 Chair Bill Mercer

09:50:00 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

09:50:20 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:51:07 Chair Bill Mercer left the meeting.

09:52:05 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

09:53:21 Joseph McElroy, Chief of Staff

09:54:15 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

09:55:24 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:56:45 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

09:59:34 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

10:00:19 Natalie Smitham, CFO

10:01:13 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:01:31 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

10:02:10 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

10:04:15 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

10:04:41 Erin McGowan, Montana Community Correction Association

10:09:15 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:11:28 Erin McGowan, Montana Community Correction Association

10:11:37 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

10:12:50 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:13:41 Rep. Fiona Nave

10:14:29 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:15:09 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

10:16:08 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:18:21 Jim Patelis Montana Board of Pardons and Parole
09:10:06 **Recessed**
09:20:24 **Reconvened**
10:22:03 **Committee Discussion:** Witness Testimony
10:22:49 May Simmons, Prison Reform Advocate

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:26:28

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230124JCHaad\)](#)