

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 27, 2023 at 9:06 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)
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:

09:07:25

Committee Discussion:

09:07:35 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:09:05 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:10:33 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:15:05 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:16:00

Committee Discussion:

09:16:10 James Brown, MT Public Service Commission

09:16:47 Stacy Litschauer, PSC

09:19:22 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:19:52 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:20:33 Stacy Litschauer, PSC

09:21:12 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:21:57 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:22:01 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:23:22 James Brown, MT Public Service Commission

09:23:38 Jennifer Fielder, PSC

09:25:02 [EXHIBIT\(230127JCHa1\)](#)

09:31:07 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:31:09 Jennifer Fielder, PSC

09:31:49 [EXHIBIT\(230127JCHa2\)](#)

09:36:21 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:37:04 Jennifer Fielder, PSC

09:38:21 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:38:52 Jennifer Fielder, PSC

09:39:28 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:41:10 Will Rosequist, PSC

09:44:10 James Brown, MT Public Service Commission

09:45:10 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:46:17 James Brown, MT Public Service Commission

09:46:38 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:46:59 Stacy Litschauer, PSC

09:48:00 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:48:39 Stacy Litschauer, PSC

09:49:31 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

09:49:47 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:51:25 Jennifer Fielder, PSC

09:53:11 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

09:53:58 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:54:38 Jennifer Fielder, PSC

09:57:16 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:57:59 Will Rosequist, PSC

09:59:00 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:59:37 Will Rosequist, PSC

10:00:40 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
10:01:08 Jennifer Fielder, PSC
10:02:47 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:06:37 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:07:07 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:09:07 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:10:06

Committee Discussion:

10:10:09 Beth McLaughlin, OPD
10:11:47 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:12:48 Beth McLaughlin, OPD
10:13:20 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.
10:13:49 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:31:19 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.
10:14:15 Recessed
10:29:39

Committee Discussion:

10:29:52 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:29:53 Natalie Smitham ,(DOC)
10:30:44 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:31:04 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:31:59 Natalie Smitham ,(DOC)
10:33:47 Reconvened
10:35:21

Committee Discussion:

10:35:31 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:36:06 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
10:38:46 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:39:40 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
10:40:37 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.
10:41:32 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:42:19 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
10:43:36 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.
10:43:52 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
10:43:58 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:44:43 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
10:46:39 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:48:00 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
10:49:42 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:50:06 Brett Schandelson Office Of Public Defender
10:51:39 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:52:27

Committee Discussion:

10:52:31 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
10:52:38 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:53:02 Sen. Tom McGillvray
10:53:13 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:53:41 Cathy Duncan, LFD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:55:19

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230127JCHaad\)](#)