

**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 February 01, 2023 at 9:02 AM, in 317A

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Bill Mercer, Chair (R)  
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Rep. Fiona Nave (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:

09:03:43

**Committee Discussion:**

09:03:46 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:04:56 Rep. Fiona Nave joined the meeting.

09:05:41 Rep. Bill Mercer

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09:07:16 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:22:49 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:23:14 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:27:53 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:27:58 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:30:51 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

09:32:05 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:32:43 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:33:10 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:33:49 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:35:17 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

09:36:49 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:37:05 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:37:21 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:37:28

**Committee Discussion:**

09:37:36 Austin Knudsen. Attorney General  
09:57:17 Rep. Bill Mercer  
09:57:25 Rep. Fiona Nave  
09:57:46 Austin Knudsen. Attorney General  
10:00:37 Rep. Fiona Nave  
10:00:59 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
10:02:31 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:03:52 Austin Knudsen. Attorney General  
10:05:42 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:06:42 Austin Knudsen. Attorney General  
10:09:25 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:11:20 Austin Knudsen. Attorney General  
10:15:21 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:15:46 Recessed  
10:27:55 Reconvened  
10:29:27

**Committee Discussion:**

10:29:36 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
10:37:40 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:38:48 Brent Doig, OBPP  
10:39:53

**Committee Discussion:**

10:39:58 Austin Knudsen. Attorney General

10:40:49 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:40:54 Stephanie Cote, DOJ  
10:43:42 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
10:44:18 Stephanie Cote, DOJ  
10:44:47

**Committee Discussion:**

10:27:01 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.  
10:45:21 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
10:53:49 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:53:54 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
10:55:03 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:55:10 Brent Doig, OBPP  
10:56:21 Rep. Bill Mercer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:57:18

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230201JCHaad\)](#)

