

## 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 02, 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)  
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:

08:01:56

**Committee Discussion:**

08:02:01 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:04:12 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
08:04:36 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:05:25 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.  
08:05:54 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
08:08:39 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
08:09:12 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:09:25 Nate Thomas, CFO DOJ  
08:13:00 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:14:19 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
08:14:40 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
08:15:03 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:07:48 Sen. Lynch has left  
08:17:22

**Committee Discussion:**

08:17:36 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
08:18:02 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:18:20 Molly DelCurto, LSD  
08:21:20 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:21:48 Molly DelCurto, LSD  
08:23:52 Sen. Shelley Vance  
08:24:33 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
08:24:36 Molly DelCurto, LSD  
08:27:50 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:28:54 Brent Doig, OBPP  
08:30:13 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
08:31:15 Brent Doig, OBPP  
08:32:33 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
08:34:19 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:34:44 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
08:35:04 Molly DelCurto, LSD  
08:35:40 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:36:02 Brent Doig, OBPP  
08:36:35 Molly DelCurto, LSD  
08:38:20 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:39:11

**Committee Discussion:**

08:39:50 Mike Harris, DOJ  
08:53:33 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:54:16 Sean Davis, DOJ  
08:55:21 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
08:58:41 Rep. Fiona Nave  
09:00:11 Sean Davis, DOJ

09:02:24 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:02:55 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:07:19 Will Selph, DOJ

09:07:48 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:08:37 Will Selph, DOJ

09:09:17 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:11:46 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:12:52 Recessed

09:27:30 Reconvened

09:27:43

**Committee Discussion:**

09:27:48 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:29:07 Sen. Tom McGillvray

09:30:23 Mike Harris, DOJ

09:30:27 Sen. Tom McGillvray

09:30:34 Mike Harris, DOJ

09:31:01 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:32:54 Mike Harris, DOJ

09:34:26 Will Selph, DOJ

09:37:37 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:37:40 Sean Davis, DOJ

09:41:33 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:43:51 Sen. Tom McGillvray

09:44:38 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:44:41 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:46:19 Sean Davis, DOJ

09:47:15 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:48:08 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:48:34 Sean Davis, DOJ

09:48:51 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:50:37 Mike Harris, DOJ

09:51:38

**Committee Discussion:**

09:52:06 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:53:33 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

09:59:45 Jason Johnson, Gambling Division DOJ

10:06:36 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

10:14:54 Rep. Fiona Nave

10:15:41 Jason Johnson, Gambling Division DOJ

10:20:52 Rep. Bill Mercer

10:21:03 Will Selph, DOJ

10:23:37 Rep. Bill Mercer

10:24:35 Recessed

10:37:53 Reconvened

10:39:03

**Committee Discussion:**

10:39:11 Cathy Duncan, LFD

10:39:15 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

10:39:20 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.  
10:46:53 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:47:10 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
10:49:35 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.  
10:51:23 Will Selph, DOJ  
10:52:24 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:52:55

**Committee Discussion:**

10:53:00 Tammy Plubell, State Attorney Office, DOJ  
10:59:54 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:00:44 Tammy Plubell, State Attorney Office, DOJ  
11:18:45 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
11:19:22 Brent Doig, OBPP  
11:19:37 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:21:11 Tammy Plubell, State Attorney Office, DOJ  
11:22:08 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
11:24:02 Rep. Fiona Nave  
11:24:54 Brent Doig, OBPP  
11:25:04 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
11:25:33 Brent Doig, OBPP  
11:25:50 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:26:31 Tammy Plubell, State Attorney Office, DOJ  
11:28:59 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
11:29:55 Tammy Plubell, State Attorney Office, DOJ

11:30:37 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
11:34:52 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:35:39 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
11:35:51 Tammy Plubell, State Attorney Office, DOJ  
11:37:50 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:38:32

**Committee Discussion:**

11:38:40 Harley Harris, DOJ  
11:45:40 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:46:08 Rep. Fiona Nave  
11:46:24 Harley Harris, DOJ  
11:48:13 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:48:55 Harley Harris, DOJ  
11:52:36 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
11:52:38 Harley Harris, DOJ  
11:52:45 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
11:53:39 Katherine Orr, Department of Justice, (DOJ)  
11:54:19 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
11:56:16 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:56:38 Harley Harris, DOJ  
11:58:00 Rep. Bill Mercer  
12:00:08 Harley Harris, DOJ  
12:00:37 Brent Doig, OBPP  
12:01:14 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

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12:08:03 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
12:08:08 Rep. Bill Mercer  
12:08:59 Harley Harris, DOJ  
12:09:41

**Committee Discussion:**

12:09:45 Clayton Elliott

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:13:56

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

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