

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 06, 2023 at 8:03 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:

08:04:25

Committee Discussion:

08:04:36 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:06:40

Committee Discussion:

08:07:01 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:13:04 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:15:19 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:22:48 Sen. Shelley Vance

08:22:49 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

08:23:22 Will Selph, DOJ

08:23:44 Sen. Shelley Vance

08:24:31 Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:25:33 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:26:55

Committee Discussion:

08:27:09 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:31:58 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

08:32:36 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:33:19 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:33:58 Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:34:42 Sen. Tom McGillvray
08:34:43 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:34:50 Will Selph, DOJ
08:35:49 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:38:09 Nate Thomas, DOJ
08:39:32 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.
08:39:43 Rep. Bill Mercer
08:40:46 Brent Doig, OBPP
08:41:24

Committee Discussion:

08:41:33 Rep. Bill Mercer
08:41:52 DOJ Colonel
08:58:36 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.
09:03:13 Rep. Bill Mercer
09:03:29 Recessed
09:19:39 Reconvened
09:19:44

Committee Discussion:

09:19:51 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
09:20:13 Kernel Lavin, DOJ
09:22:14 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
09:22:57 Kernel Lavin, DOJ
09:26:40 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
09:27:24 Will Selph, DOJ

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09:28:00	Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
09:28:55	Nate Thomas, DOJ
09:31:20	Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
09:31:46	Regan Hess, DOJ
09:33:38	Sen. Tom McGillvray
09:34:28	Regan Hess, DOJ
09:34:46	Sen. Tom McGillvray
09:34:49	Regan Hess, DOJ
09:36:16	Rep. Bill Mercer
09:36:56	Regan Hess, DOJ
09:37:16	Rep. Bill Mercer
09:37:41	Will Selph, DOJ
09:38:56	Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.
09:39:33	Rep. Michele Binkley
09:39:39	Kernel Lavin, DOJ
09:41:00	Rep. Bill Mercer
09:42:27	Rep. Fiona Nave
09:43:07	Kernel Lavin, DOJ
09:44:15	Rep. Fiona Nave
09:44:56	Kurt Sager, Kernal, DOJ
09:46:37	Rep. Fiona Nave
09:46:46	Rep. Bill Mercer
09:46:51	Sen. Ryan Lynch
09:47:57	Kurt Sager, Kernal, DOJ

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09:49:27	Sen. Ryan Lynch
09:50:34	Kernel Lavin, DOJ
09:51:34	Sen. Ryan Lynch
09:52:25	Kernel Lavin, DOJ
09:52:36	Sen. Tom McGillvray
09:53:09	Kernel Lavin, DOJ
09:55:04	Sen. Tom McGillvray
09:55:05	Kernel Lavin, DOJ
09:56:56	Sen. Tom McGillvray
09:57:25	Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
09:57:36	Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.
09:58:22	Kernel Lavin, DOJ
09:58:47	Regan Hess, DOJ
09:59:21	Rep. Fiona Nave
09:59:52	Kernel Lavin, DOJ
10:00:02	Regan Hess, DOJ
10:00:55	Rep. Fiona Nave
10:01:37	Regan Hess, DOJ
10:02:33	Rep. Fiona Nave
10:03:51	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:04:08	Rep. Fiona Nave
10:05:16	Kurt Sager, Kernal, DOJ
10:07:38	Rep. Michele Binkley
10:08:11	Kernel Lavin, DOJ

10:09:43 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:10:39 Kernel Lavin, DOJ
10:11:36 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:12:21 Kernel Lavin, DOJ
10:12:43 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.
10:13:20 Kernel Lavin, DOJ
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10:13:50 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:14:39 Kurt Sager, Kernal, DOJ
10:16:47 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:18:35 Kurt Sager, Kernal, DOJ
10:19:12 Recessed
10:29:49 Reconvened
10:30:06

Committee Discussion:

10:30:16 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:31:29 Steve Lavin, DOJ
10:33:28 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.
10:34:53 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:36:05 Steve Lavin, DOJ
10:41:29 Rep. Bill Mercer
10:42:00 Steve Lavin, DOJ
10:42:32 Rep. Fiona Nave
10:43:08 Steve Lavin, DOJ

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Committee Discussion:

10:43:42 Jessie Luther, MT Troopers

10:45:05 Shelby Demars

10:46:36 EJ Redding, Self

10:48:01

Committee Discussion:

10:48:13 Cathy Duncan, LFD

11:02:11 Laurie Bakri, MDT

11:18:55 Rep. Bill Mercer

11:19:21 Laurie Bakri, MDT

11:20:04 Rep. Bill Mercer

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Committee Discussion:

11:36:41 Scott Reichner, MT Auto Dealers
11:37:10 EJ Redding, Carvana
11:38:05 Duane Williams, MT Truckers Association
11:41:50 Rep. Bill Mercer
11:41:51 Laurie Bakri, MDT
11:42:31 Sen. Ryan Lynch
11:42:57 Duane Williams, MT Truckers Association

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:43:59

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230206JCHaad\)](#)