

**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 07, 2023 at 8:06 AM, in 317A

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Members Excused:** Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (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:

08:07:30

**Committee Discussion:**

08:05:09 [EXHIBIT\(230207JCHa1\)](#)

08:05:13 [EXHIBIT\(230207JCHa2\)](#)

08:07:36 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:08:44

**Committee Discussion:**

08:08:52 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:09:43 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:10:18 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:13:45 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.

08:13:48 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

08:20:22 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:20:38 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:22:57 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:23:08 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:24:26

**Committee Discussion:**

08:24:31 Bryan Lockerby, Division of Criminal Investigation, (DCI)

08:42:19 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

09:11:20 Recessed

09:30:54 Reconvened

09:31:04

**Committee Discussion:**

09:31:25 Bryan Lockerby, DCI

09:32:32 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

09:53:40 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:54:28 Bryan Lockerby, DCI

09:55:46 Dana Toole, DCI

09:57:19 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:57:24 Bryan Lockerby, DCI

09:57:38

**Committee Discussion:**

09:29:59 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

09:57:46 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:58:11 Bryan Lockerby, DCI

09:58:28 Steven Crawford, DCI

09:59:46 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

10:00:03 Bryan Lockerby, DCI

10:00:06 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

10:00:47 Bryan Lockerby, DCI

10:01:13 Emily Russell, DCI

10:02:02 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:02:30 Dana Toole, DCI

10:03:55 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:04:19 Dana Toole, DCI  
10:05:44 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
10:05:45 Bryan Lockerby, DCI  
10:08:54 Rep. Fiona Nave  
10:09:55 Bryan Lockerby, DCI  
10:11:09 Rep. Fiona Nave  
10:11:53 Bryan Lockerby, DCI  
10:11:56 Rep. Fiona Nave  
10:13:45 Dana Toole, DCI  
10:13:48 Rep. Fiona Nave  
10:13:51 Dana Toole, DCI  
10:14:31 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
10:15:02 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:17:40 Bryan Lockerby, DCI  
10:20:07 Brent Doig, OBPP  
10:21:07 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:26:00 Bryan Lockerby, DCI  
10:27:54 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:29:09 Steven Crawford, DCI  
10:32:45 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:33:04 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
10:33:48 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:34:19

**Committee Discussion:**

10:34:29 Debra Pitassy, MT Beer and Wine Association  
10:37:17 Brad Giffin, MT Retail Association  
10:39:24 Shelby Demars, MT Protective Association  
10:39:47 Jesse Slaughter, Cascade County Sheriffs Office  
10:43:32 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
10:44:02 Jesse Slaughter, Cascade County Sheriffs Office  
10:45:12 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:46:59 Jesse Slaughter, Cascade County Sheriffs Office  
10:47:23 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:49:37 Jesse Slaughter, Cascade County Sheriffs Office  
10:51:57 Rep. Bill Mercer  
10:53:23 Recessed  
11:00:53 Reconvened  
11:01:25

**Committee Discussion:**

11:01:34 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:01:43 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.  
11:01:51 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
11:11:27 Rep. Fiona Nave  
11:11:29 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.  
11:13:55 Leo Dutton, Sheriff  
11:17:24 Natalia Bowser, Board of Crime Control  
11:25:01 Rep. Bill Mercer left the meeting.  
11:25:27 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

11:33:21 Rep. Bill Mercer joined the meeting.  
11:36:52 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.  
11:37:25 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:38:36 Natalia Bowser, Board of Crime Control  
11:40:38 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:42:36

**Committee Discussion:**

11:42:48 Brian Thompson, MT Attorneys Association  
11:44:26 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:45:49 Brian Thompson, MT Attorneys Association  
11:46:59 Jesse Slaughter, MT Sheriff and Peace Officer Association  
11:50:05 Ben Halverson, City of Billings  
11:54:30 Rep. Bill Mercer left the meeting.  
11:54:37 Karen Alley, MT Association of Counties  
11:56:09 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.  
11:57:03 Brent Doig, OBPP left the meeting.  
11:57:29 Mckenly Hayes, MSU Student  
12:02:28 Kelson Young, Mt Cohillition Sexual Assault  
12:04:08 [EXHIBIT\(230207JCHa3\)](#)  
12:04:36 Beth Brenaman,  
12:06:00 [EXHIBIT\(230207JCHa4\)](#)  
12:06:35 Gina Boesdorfer, Friendship Center  
12:10:08 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
12:10:26 Rep. Fiona Nave

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:12:24

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230207JCHaad\)](#)