

## 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 09, 2023 at 8:04 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:

08:04:35

**Committee Discussion:**

08:04:39 Rep. Bill Mercer

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08:06:21 Natalie Smitham

08:08:32 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:09:13 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections

08:12:13 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:13:13 Scott Eychner Rehab and Programs Chief

08:21:59 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections

08:23:02 Rep. Fiona Nave

08:23:19 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections

08:23:32 Rep. Fiona Nave

08:23:40 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections

08:24:06 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:24:08 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections

08:24:47 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:24:49 Scott Eychner Rehab and Programs Chief

08:25:42 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:25:43 Scott Eychner Rehab and Programs Chief

08:26:10 Sen. Tom McGillvray

08:27:01 Scott Eychner Rehab and Programs Chief  
08:27:02 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
08:27:24 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections  
08:27:46 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
08:27:57 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections  
08:28:51 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:29:19 Natalie Smitham ,(DOC)  
08:30:00 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:30:30 Natalie Smitham ,(DOC)  
08:30:41 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
08:31:05 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections  
08:31:42 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
08:31:43 Natalie Smitham ,(DOC)  
08:31:44 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:32:24 Natalie Smitham ,(DOC)  
08:33:02 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
08:33:42 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections  
08:33:57 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.  
08:34:12 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
08:34:44 John Daugherty, DOC  
08:35:31 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:35:33 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections  
08:35:34 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:35:49 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections

08:36:13 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:36:50 Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:36:57 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections

08:38:27 Natalie Smitham ,(DOC)

08:38:30 Sen. Shelley Vance left the meeting.

08:39:05 Sen. Ryan Lynch

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08:39:39 Rep. Bill Mercer

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08:40:23 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:41:05 Natalie Smitham ,(DOC)

08:41:16 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:41:35 Natalie Smitham ,(DOC)

08:41:37 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:41:40 Natalie Smitham ,(DOC)

08:41:44 Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:42:14 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections

08:42:36 Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:43:08 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections

08:43:44 Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:43:53 Cynthia Wolken ,(DOC)

08:44:33 Rep. Bill Mercer

08:45:05 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

08:45:38 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections

08:46:03 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:46:21 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections  
08:46:34 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
08:47:47 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:47:47 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
08:48:24 John Daugherty, DOC  
08:48:42 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
08:48:45 John Daugherty, DOC  
08:49:23 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:49:30 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
08:49:38 Rep. Bill Mercer  
08:49:59 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
08:50:03 John Daugherty, DOC  
08:51:02 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter  
08:51:27 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections  
08:53:15

**Committee Discussion:**

08:53:20 Amy Teeney, Community Corrections Association  
08:56:03 Erin McGowan, Community Corrections Association  
08:57:48 Dave Armstrong, CCA  
09:02:14 Rep. Bill Mercer  
09:02:44 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
09:03:09 Amy Teeney, Community Corrections Association  
09:03:37 Rep. Bill Mercer

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09:04:43 Dave Armstrong, CCA  
09:05:57 Rep. Bill Mercer  
09:07:46 Dave Armstrong, CCA  
09:07:54 Sen. Shelley Vance joined the meeting.  
09:08:41 Rep. Bill Mercer  
09:08:44 Amy Teeney, Community Corrections Association  
09:09:13 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.  
09:10:28 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
09:10:29 Amy Teeney, Community Corrections Association  
09:11:05 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
09:11:33 Rep. Bill Mercer  
09:11:44 Brian Gootkin Director, Department of Corrections  
09:12:41 Rep. Bill Mercer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:14:32

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230209JCHaad\)](#)