

## 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 10, 2023 at 9:10 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)  
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** 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:

09:11:18

**Committee Discussion:**

09:11:27 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:12:04 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:15:26 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:15:33 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:15:40 Rep. Michele Binkley left the meeting.

09:15:41 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

09:16:54 Walker Hopkins LFD

09:17:36 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:18:11 Rep. Michele Binkley joined the meeting.

09:18:27 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:19:16 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

09:19:20 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:20:21 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:20:46 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

09:21:10 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:21:30 Sen. Shelley Vance

09:22:57 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:23:19 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:23:46 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:24:09 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

09:24:47 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:25:03 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:25:11 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:25:47 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:26:18 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:26:44 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:27:53 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:28:15 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:28:46 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:29:11 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:29:29 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:29:33 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:29:49 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:30:07 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:31:55 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:33:11 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:33:32 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:34:18 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:34:48 Brent Doig, OBPP

09:34:49 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:36:38 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:38:14 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

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09:40:21	Brent Doig, OBPP
09:41:31	Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:44:06	Rep. Michele Binkley
09:44:42	Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:45:24	Rep. Bill Mercer
09:46:02	Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:49:33	Rep. Fiona Nave
09:49:34	Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:50:16	Rep. Bill Mercer
09:51:26	Walker Hopkins LFD
09:51:43	Rep. Bill Mercer
09:51:59	Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:52:34	Rep. Bill Mercer
09:53:18	Sen. Ryan Lynch
09:54:44	Rep. Bill Mercer
09:55:47	Sen. Ryan Lynch
09:56:25	Sen. Shelley Vance
09:58:39	Rep. Bill Mercer
09:59:25	Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:01:34	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:02:29	Sen. Ryan Lynch
10:02:30	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:05:05	Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:06:02	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:06:26	Rep. Fiona Nave
10:07:27	Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:08:10	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:08:39	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:09:28	Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:10:11	Walker Hopkins LFD
10:12:05	Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:12:13	Brent Doig, OBPP
10:12:18	Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.
10:13:04	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:13:26	Brent Doig, OBPP
10:13:27	Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:14:26	Walker Hopkins LFD
10:14:58	Sen. Shelley Vance
10:16:03	Walker Hopkins LFD
10:16:03	Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.
10:17:50	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:19:04	Sen. Ryan Lynch
10:19:53	Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:19:56	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:20:52	Walker Hopkins LFD
10:21:11	Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:21:44	Walker Hopkins LFD

10:22:43	Rep. Fiona Nave
10:23:17	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:24:33	Sen. Ryan Lynch
10:25:43	Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:27:26	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:29:03	Sen. Ryan Lynch
10:29:57	Rep. Bill Mercer
10:31:18	Rep. Fiona Nave
10:30:17	Rep. Nave takes over as Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:34:25

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230210JCHaad\)](#)