



## Law and Justice Interim Committee

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March 9, 2018

TO: Law and Justice Interim Committee  
FROM: Rachel Weiss  
RE: March 19-20 LJIC meeting materials

The LJIC will meet on March 19-20 in Billings. The meeting starts at **8:30 a.m.** on March 19 at the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation located at 2535 St. Johns Avenue.

On Tuesday, March 20 at **7:15 a.m.**, the LJIC will start the day at the Yellowstone County Courthouse located at 217 North 27th Street.

Lunch will be provided both days as part of facility tours.

The preliminary agenda and other meeting materials are included in this packet. Please bring it with you to Billings. At the meeting you'll receive additional materials, including a short overview of steps other states have taken to reduce or eliminate use of solitary confinement in state facilities. Two documents in this packet provide some initial background on that topic. Due to the limited agenda time devoted to the SJ 25 study this meeting, I tried to strike a balance between sending you enough materials to give you a high-level overview of the topic so you can provide direction for the May agenda, without overwhelming you with information that won't be covered in depth in March.

All materials are available electronically at the LJIC's website, [www.leg.mt.gov/ljic](http://www.leg.mt.gov/ljic).

In addition to the SJ 25 materials and the agenda, this packet includes:

- a reminder about things you should bring (or not bring) on the facility tours;
- an administrative rule review memo;
- overviews of 3 of the 5 facilities you'll be touring. You'll receive the other 2 at the meeting.
- additional information on detention center peer reviews;
- two MWP procedures related to locked housing;
- information on recent state actions to limit or prohibit certain treatment of juvenile detainees; and
- a chart from the Legislative Fiscal Division about the Department of Corrections' jail hold numbers.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 406-444-5367 or [rweiss@mt.gov](mailto:rweiss@mt.gov). Travel safely!