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# Law and Justice Interim Committee

68th Montana Legislature

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## AGENDA

### Law & Justice Interim Committee

July 24, 2023

State Capitol Building, Room 137

*Agenda times are approximate.*

- 9:00**      **Call to Order – Roll Call** – Senator John Esp, Acting Presiding Officer  
Introduction of committee members and staff
- 9:10**      **Administrative matters** – Sara Hess, Research Analyst; Julianne Burkhardt, Attorney
1. Staff roles and responsibilities
  2. Committee budget and website overview
  3. Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committees
    - a. Adoption of Rules – *action item*
  4. Summary of 2023 Law & Justice Legislation
  5. Questions from the committee
- 9:20**      **Agency Oversight:** Agency introductions and overviews – major accomplishments or changes since previous interim, objectives for coming interim, questions from the committee.
1. Office of Court Administrator –Beth McLaughlin, Supreme Court Administrator
  2. Department of Justice – Alan Doane, Legislative Liaison
  3. Office of State Public Defender–Brett Schandelson, Director
  4. Department of Corrections –Cynthia Wolken & staff
  5. Board of Crime Control –Leo Dutton, Board Chair
  6. POST Council – Timothy Allred, Executive Director
- 11:15**      **Public comment** on agency oversight

- 11:30**      **Overview of Draft Work Plan and Administrative Rule Reviews** – Sara Hess, Julianne Burkhardt
1. Administrative rule review
  2. Statutory duties
  3. Brief overview of study options
  4. Public comment\* on the work plan
  5. Questions from the committee
- 12:15**      **Election of Officers**  
**Lunch**
- 1:30**      **Committee field trip: Lewis & Clark County Detention Center**  
*\*Legislators and staff only\**
- 3:00**      **Public comment on detention center tour and items within the LJIC’s jurisdiction not on the agenda**
- 3:15**      **Committee Work Session**
1. Work plan decision matrix – *action item (final adoption can take place at next meeting)*
  2. Adopt meeting dates – *action item*
  3. Additional instructions to staff, if any
- 4:30**      **Wrap up and adjournment**

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