

INTERIM WORK SUMMARY: LAW AND JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE

OVERVIEW

The Law and Justice Interim Committee (LJIC) completed several interim studies assigned to it for the 2021-2022 interim. In addition, the LJIC conducted its statutory oversight duties and explored members' topics of interest. The committee sent six bills to the 2023 Legislature.

The LJIC completed four interim studies and forwarded six committee bills to the 2023 Legislature for further consideration.

INTERIM STUDIES

Of the LJIC's interim studies, one was assigned by bill and five were assigned by Legislative Council.

Senate Bill No. 303 (SB 303) requested the LJIC to study inmate telecommunication contract and costs. The five studies requested by resolution were:

- **HJ 4: Study of criminal proceedings and commitment of people with mental illness**
- HJ 29: Study of victim services and funding in Montana
- **HJ 31: Study of criminal justice system data in Montana**
- **HJ 40: Study of the Judicial Standards Commission**
- SJ 26: Study of the Montana Women's Prison

The studies highlighted in bold were completed by the LJIC using the typical study process. The LJIC asked Legislative Council to redirect the HJ 29 study of victim services and funding to an interim budget subcommittee that focuses on criminal justice system stakeholder budgets. The LJIC incorporated elements of the SJ 26 study of the Montana Women's Prison into the committee's statutorily required agency oversight duties.

Additional information about each study, including detailed work plans and study results, are available at the LJIC's website: <https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/ljic/>