



# LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

## 67th Montana Legislature

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### Interim Budget Committee - Public Safety & Public Service

Section D: Judicial Branch, Department of Justice, Public Service Commission, Office of State Public Defender, Department of Corrections

Agenda *(times and content are subject to change)*

March 16, 2022 – Room 317 **(updated 3/8/22)**

- 8:30 Call to Order – Roll Call – Chairman Mercer  
Approval of the minutes
- 8:35 MARA 2040 Planning and Activities – Cathy Duncan  
Beginning of Budget Preparation – Current Budget Memos – Brent Doig
- 9:00 Department of Corrections – Dir. Brian Gootkin and staff  
December-February Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
Agency discussion topics:
- 1) Agency comments on status of FY 2022 budgets, observations on expectations for FY 2023, and updates on implementation of new programs or FTEs funded by the 2021 Legislature
  - 2) Prison staffing - relationship between staffing level and prison census
  - 3) Risk Assessments
  - 4) HB 693 Reporting
- OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
Public Comment – Department of Correction Topics
- 10:30 Office of Public Defender – Rhonda Lindquist and staff  
December-February Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
Agency discussion topics:
- 1) Agency comments on status of FY 2022 budgets, observations on expectations for FY 2023, and updates on implementation of new programs or FTEs funded by the 2021 Legislature
  - 2) HB 2 Quarterly Reporting - New Cases filed and Number of Cases Worked (with detail)
  - 3) ARPA funding – Uses and Early Results
- OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
Public Comment – Office of Public Defender Topics
- 12:00 Lunch Break

- 1:00 Public Service Commission – Chairman Brown and staff  
December-February Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
Agency discussion topics:
- 1) Agency comments on status of FY 2022 budgets, observations on expectations for FY 2023, and updates on implementation of new programs or FTEs funded by the 2021 Legislature
  - 2) Software Modernization (REDDI) Project Update
  - 3) Performance Assurance Account Update
  - 4) Strategic Plan/Agency Reorganization Update
- OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
Public Comment – Public Service Commission Topics
- 1:30 Department of Justice – Kris Hansen and staff  
December-February Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
Agency discussion topics:
- 1) Agency comments on status of FY 2022 budgets, observations on expectations for FY 2023, and updates on implementation of new programs or FTEs funded by the 2021 Legislature
  - 2) Drug Taskforce – Steve Crawford
  - 3) Update on 9-1-1 and Public Safety Radio System – Steve Lavin
  - 4) Discussion of Human Trafficking Response – Bryan Lockerby
  - 5) Process for Providing Supplies to County Offices
- OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
Public Comment – Department of Justice Topics
- 3:00 Board of Crime Control – Natalia Bowser
1. Board Updates
  2. HJ 29
- OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
Public Comment – Board of Crime Control
- 4:00 Judicial Branch – Beth McLaughlin and staff  
December-February Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
Agency discussion topics:
- 1) Agency comments on status of FY 2022 budgets, observations on expectations for FY 2023, and updates on implementation of new programs or FTEs funded by the 2021 Legislature
  - 2) Annual Statistics-Planning Tool
  - 3) Law Library Fees Research
  - 4) Update on Flathead Judgeship
  - 5) HB 693 Reporting
- OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
Public Comment – Judicial Branch Topics
- 5:00 Public Comment on any topic before the Sec. D Interim Budget Committee

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