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Interim Budget Committee

Section D Judicial Branch, Public Defender, Corrections, Public Safety & Public Service

Agenda – Revised (September 3, 2021)

(all times are subject to change)

September 15, 2021

- 8:30 Roll call
- 8:35 Introduction – Chairman Mercer
Committee organization
Member and Staff introductions – LFD & OBPP
Rules, Proxy Voting, Hybrid Meetings
- 8:45 Public Service Commission – Chairman Brown
FYE 2021 Financial Report, Kris Wilkinson
Workplan, committee discussion
- 1) 2021 HB 2 Language
 - a. *The Public Service Commission may spend up to \$500,000 each year of the biennium for the software modernization system if funding is available from the Public Service Commission state special revenue fund. Funds used for the software modernization system out of the Public Service Commission state special revenue fund are not considered appropriations for the purpose of calculating rates.*
 - 2) Plans for improvements to internal practices – Chairman Brown
OBPP Comments – Christine Hultin
Public Comment – Public Service Commission Topics
- 9:45 Office of Public Defender – Rhonda Lindquist
FYE 2021 Financial Report, Kris Wilkinson
Workplan, committee discussion
- 1) Backlog resolution/contract assistant (see OPD – Show Cause Order, Meeting Materials)
 - 2) Cases not assigned in judicial districts (see OPD – Show Cause Order, Meeting Materials)
 - 3) HB 693 (2021) reporting: Sections 2(1) and 2(2)

OBPP Comments – Christine Hultin
Public Comment – Office of Public Defender Topics

BREAK AS NEEDED

10:45 Judicial Branch – Beth McLaughlin
FYE 2021 Financial Report, Cathy Duncan
Workplan, committee discussion
1) Progress on development of HB 693 (2021) reporting: Sections 4(1)
OBPP Comments – Christine Hultin
Public Comment – Judicial Branch Topics

12:00 – Noon Break

1:00 Department of Justice – Kris Hansen
FYE 2021 Financial Report, Cathy Duncan
Workplan, committee discussion
1) Opioid Settlement - Montana-specifics (see DOJ-Opioid Settlement-Meeting -
Materials)
2) DCI briefing - fentanyl trafficking investigations (see DOJ-Fentanyl Article -
Meeting Materials).
3) HB 693 (2021) reporting: Section 3(1)
4) Language funding, 2021 version HB 2
a. *The funding for the Montana Highway Patrol Boulder Campus is
contingent on the passage and approval of HB 686 without an
appropriation for the Boulder campus.*
5) HB 2 Personal Services Issue
6) HJ 29 – Request by Legislative Council for the Sec. D interim subcommittee to
undertake this study on Victim Services/Funding (Board of Crime Control-
administratively attached to DOJ) – Natalia Bowser
OBPP Comments – Christine Hultin
Public Comment – Department of Justice Topics

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2:30 Department of Corrections – Dir. Brian Gootkin
FYE 2021 Financial Report, Cathy Duncan
Workplan, committee discussion
1) Justice Reinvestment data update
2) DOC re-organization (see DOC – Department of Corrections announces Re-org
article-Meeting Materials)
3) Core Civic water supply problems update
4) Potential of State Prison employee strike
5) HB 693 (2021) reporting: Sections 1(1) and 1(4)
OBPP Comments – Christine Hultin
Public Comment – Department of Correction Topics

3:45 Criminal Justice System Data Discussion

1) HJ 31: Study of criminal justice system data in Montana, Law and Justice Interim Committee (LJIC) – Rachel Weiss

a. Connections between Law & Justice Interim Committee, Criminal Justice Oversight Council, and Sec. D budget subcommittee

2) Unified data set/system across agencies and programs

a. Potential for development of changes in overlapping operational data sets

b. Improvements to understanding the push/pull between systems and the driving forces/costs

5:00 Public Comment on any topic before the Sec. D Interim Budget Subcommittee

Adjourn

5:05 *Optional Training on Budget Power BI Interactive Tool, LFD Staff (30 minute training)*

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