



Law and Justice Interim Committee

58th Montana Legislature

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REVISED AGENDA

Subcommittee on Reforming Montana's Public Defender System Law and Justice Interim Committee

Subcommittee Meeting #1

Friday, April 30, 2004

Room 172, State Capitol
Helena, MT

- 8:30 a.m. Roll Call
Welcome and introductory remarks, **Sen. McGee**, Subcommittee Chairman
- 8:45 a.m. Staff overview: A closer look at different models for a statewide public defender system within the context of SB 218, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Legislative Research Analyst
1. State employee public defenders (CO, WY)
 2. Private contractors with state oversight (OR)
 3. Private corporation with state oversight (NH)
- 9:15 a.m. Focus on Oregon's statewide contracting program, **Mr. Peter Ozanne**, Chief Public Defender, Oregon
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK
- 10:45 a.m. Staff section-by-section review of SB 218 and the decision points for each section, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Legislative Research Analyst
- 11:30 a.m. Update on caseload data collected to date, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Legislative Research Analyst
- 11:45 a.m. Update on county survey for caseload and expenditure data, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Legislative Research Analyst

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Room 102, State Capitol

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- 12 noon LUNCH BREAK
- 1:00 p.m. The SB 218 fiscal note in perspective, **Mr. Matt Bugni**, Budget Analyst,
Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning
- 1:15 a.m. Update on fiscal analysis of current public defender expenses, **Mr. Harry
Freebourn**, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
- 1:30 p.m. Review of current statutes on right to counsel in abuse and neglect, juvenile
delinquency, and involuntary commitment proceedings, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**,
Legislative Research Analyst
- 1:45 p.m. Report from the Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim
Committee, **Ms. Susan Fox**, Legislative Research Analyst
- 2:00 p.m. BREAK
- 2:15 p.m. Work session and discussion on SB 218 decision points
- 3:15 p.m. Public Comment
- 3:45 p.m. Instructions to staff
Next meeting agenda and date
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment