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AGENDA

Friday, May 29, 2020 -- 8 a.m. Mountain Time
Video Conference Call

(All times on the agenda are approximate. Some items may not more or less time than scheduled.)

8:00 a.m. **Call to Order -- Roll Call** -- Rep. Barry Usher, Presiding Officer

8:05 a.m. **Pretrial Decisionmaking and Detention Center Populations Roundtable**

* The committee will ask questions and take breaks at the discretion of the presiding officer

Detention Center Populations -- National and Missoula Work

→ Bria Gillum, Criminal Justice Program Officer, MacArthur Foundation (~30 minutes)

National Overview of Pretrial Release Decisionmaking

→ Amber Widgery, Senior Policy Specialist, Criminal Justice Program, National Conference of State Legislatures (~30 minutes)

Jail Data, Risk Assessment, and Local Research

→ Dr. Todd Clear, Rutgers University (~1 hour)

Successes in Smaller Jurisdictions -- Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils

→ Robin Wosje, Senior Program Manager, The Justice Management Institute (~45 minutes to 1 hour)

Additional committee discussion and questions

12:15 p.m. **Public comment*** on pretrial decisionmaking and detention center topics

12:30 p.m. Recess for lunch

- 1:00 p.m. **Reconvene**
- 1:05 p.m. **HJ 36 Study of Compensation for Wrongfully Convicted Individuals:**
 Committee discussion with stakeholders and work session on draft legislation (HJ36-1)
- Overview of bill -- Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney, LSD
 - Stakeholder statements/introductions (~5 minutes each)
 - Michelle Feldman, State Campaigns Director, Innocence Project
 - Amy Sings in the Timber, Executive Director, Montana Innocence Project
 - Patrick Webb, Director of Grassroots Operations, Americans for Prosperity Montana
 - Eric Bryson, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties
 - Montana County Attorneys Association representative
 - Montana Department of Justice staff
 - Risk Management and Tort Defense Division, Department of Administration staff
 - *Other stakeholders as needed*
 - Committee questions and discussion
 - Public comment on the draft*
 - Committee action on draft (optional)
- 3:30 p.m. **HJ 31 Study of the Board of Crime Control:** Review of draft bill (HJ31-1)
- Overview of bill -- Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst, LSD
 - Committee questions and discussion
 - Public comment on the draft*
 - Committee action on draft (optional)
- 4:15 p.m. **Public comment*** on any item under the LJIC's jurisdiction but not on this agenda
- 4:45 p.m. **Committee Work Session**
- Review of next meeting dates/formats: June 12, July 13
 - Other directions to staff or additional draft bill requests?
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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