



Memorandum

DCI

To: Law and Justice Interim Committee

From: Bryan Lockerby, Administrator

cc: Eric Gilbertson, POST Bureau Chief; Jesse Slaughter, POST Council Chairman

Date: 3/16/2022

Re: March 2022 status update regarding POST per MCA 2-15-2029

The 2019 Montana legislature passed HB684 which merged Public Safety Officers Standards and Training (POST) with the Montana Department of Justice, under the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). The bill added POST as a Bureau to DCI with a two-year sunset and required regular updates to the Law and Justice Interim Committee. Subsequently, during the 2021 legislative session, HB 693 extended the sunset an additional two years and included the same reporting requirements.

Since the last report was submitted to LJIC, POST has been involved in the Executive Planning Process with the Montana Department of Justice. The final package will be included as part of the entire DOJ proposal that will eventually be submitted to the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning.

POST and DOJ are also working through a consistent response process to Freedom of Information requests (FOIA). New DOJ policy is being developed that POST will be provided with.