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AGENDA

(updated 10/26)

October 28-29, 2021
State Capitol, Room 317 and Zoom

Please note: All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.

Thursday, October 28, 2021

- 8:00 a.m. **HJ 31 Study of criminal justice data:** Roundtable discussion with national experts
1. Introductions and opening remarks from experts (10 to 15 minutes each)
 2. Questions from committee members and discussion with experts (2 hours)
 3. Closing remarks from experts
- The presiding officer may call for short breaks as needed.

List of panelists

- Marshall Clement, Deputy Director of Policy and Strategic Planning, and Sarah Lee, Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments Justice Center (Justice Counts)
- Sema Taheri, Director of Research and Strategic Initiatives, Measures for Justice
- Jeremiah Mosteller, Senior Policy Analyst, Criminal Justice Reform, Americans for Prosperity
- Bennet Wright, Executive Director, Alabama Sentencing Commission

- 11:30 a.m. **Agency Update:** Board of Pardons and Parole
- Chairman Steve Hurd and Board Member Jimmy Patelis
 - Questions from the committee
 - Public comment* on the agenda item

Noon Lunch

- 1 p.m. **HJ 31 Study of criminal justice data:** Roundtable discussion with Montana stakeholders
1. Introductions and opening remarks from panelists (5-7 minutes each)
 2. Questions from committee members and discussion with panelists (1.5 hours)
 3. Closing remarks from panelists
- The presiding officer may call for short breaks as needed.

List of panelists

- Brett Schandelson, Development and Operations Bureau Chief, Office of the State Public Defender
- John Daugherty, Administrative Services Division Administrator, Department of Corrections
- Mike Harris, CIO/IT Administrator, Department of Justice staff
- Jimmy Patelis, Board of Pardons and Parole
- Natalia Bowser, Executive Director, Board of Crime Control
- Scott Twito, Yellowstone County Attorney
- Amy Tenney, Helena Prerelease/Boyd Andrew

- 4:30 p.m. **Public comment* on HJ 31 study of criminal justice data**

- 5:00 p.m. **Public comment*** on any topic within the LJIC's jurisdiction but not on this agenda

- 5:15 p.m. **Recess** until 8 a.m. on October 29

Friday, October 29

- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order – Roll Call** – Senator Esp

- 8:05 a.m. **Agency Oversight:** Office of State Public Defender update
- Rhonda Lindquist, Director
 - Questions from the committee
 - Public comment* on the agenda item

- 9:00 a.m. **Agency Oversight:** Department of Corrections update
- Speakers TBD
 - Questions from the committee
 - Public comment* on the agenda item

- 9:30 a.m. **Legal Issues:** Administrative rule review and update on ballot issue reviews
- Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 - Questions from the committee
 - Public comment* on the agenda item

- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. **Agency Oversight:** Required report on Board of Crime Control (MBCC) transition to administrative allocation to Department of Justice
- Sheriff Leo Dutton, Board presiding officer and Lewis and Clark County Sheriff/Coroner
 - Natalia Bowser, Executive Director, MBCC
 - Questions from the committee
 - Public comment* on the agenda item
- 10:15 a.m. **SB 303 Study of Inmate Telecommunications Contracts and Costs:** Initial review of telecommunication contracts for state prison and local detention centers
- Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst, LSD
 - Questions from the committee
 - Public comment* on the agenda item
- 10:45 a.m. **Public comment*** on any topic within the LJIC's jurisdiction but not on this agenda
- 11:00 a.m. **Work Session**
- Staff review of planned items for January meeting
 - Agency Oversight – What additional updates or information would the LJIC like to request from the agencies? Are there questions the LJIC wants addressed during future agency presentations?
 - HJ 31 data study – What additional information related to the study would the LJIC like to receive? Are there speakers or stakeholders the LJIC would like to invite for future meetings or next steps it would like to take?
 - HJ 40 study – What additional information related to the study would the LJIC like to receive? Are there speakers or stakeholders the LJIC would like to invite for future meetings or next steps it would like to take?
 - SB 303 telecommunications study - What additional information related to the study would the LJIC like to receive? Are there speakers or stakeholders the LJIC would like to invite for future meetings or next steps it would like to take?
 - Other directions to staff?
 - Election of officers
 - Next meeting date: Wednesday, January 19 -- Helena
- 12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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Public Participation in the Committee Meeting

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