



CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL 68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

March 19, 2024
Room 102
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Chris Friedel, Chair (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)
Hon. Luke Berger
Eldena Bear Don't Walk
Alan Doane
Brian Gootkin
Melissa Kelly
Sharen Kickingwoman
Hon. Jerome McCarthy
Brett Schandelson
Amy Tenney
Scott Twito

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jimmy Patelis
Charlie Brereton
Ross Canen

STAFF PRESENT:

Rachel Weiss, Research Director
Laura Sherley, Research Analyst
Jolanda Songer, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

09:00:31 Presiding Officer Regier called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

09:01:49 Rachel Weiss introduced CJOC's new research analyst, Laura Sherley.

REVIEW OF PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS STATUTES

09:03:20 Valerie Meade, Deputy Director, Criminal Justice Institute

09:03:56 Caitlin Flood, Senior Policy Specialist, Criminal Justice Institute

09:04:07 Valerie Meade
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slides 1 - 15)

09:19:39 Caitlin Flood
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slides 16 - 29)

Public Comment on Review of Presentence Investigations Statutes

09:40:15 None

Council Questions and Discussion

09:40:32 Rep. Smith
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

09:41:00 Caitlin Flood

09:42:47 Director Gootkin

09:43:22 Judge Berger

09:44:21 Director Schandelson

09:45:06 Caitlin Flood

09:47:17 Judge Berger

09:49:23 Rep. Smith

09:50:04 Director Schandelson

09:52:03 Rep. Smith

09:52:16 County Attorney Twito
09:53:27 Eldena Bear Don't Walk
09:54:01 Judge Berger
09:55:57 Rep. Smith
09:56:54 Eldena Bear Don't Walk
09:58:11 Director Schandelson
10:00:48 Rep. Smith
10:01:37 Director Gootkin

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS UPDATE: Inmate Census and Operational and Housing Practices for DOC Facilities that House Youth

10:04:05 Steve Ray, Superintendent, Pine Hills
[EXHIBIT 3](#)

Public Comment on Department of Corrections Update

10:20:01 None

Council Questions and Discussion

10:20:18 Rep. Smith
10:23:20 County Attorney Twito
10:26:16 Director Gootkin
10:27:13 Eldena Bear Don't Walk
10:29:04 Director Schandelson
10:33:17 Eldena Bear Don't Walk
10:36:50 Director Gootkin
10:37:03 Director Schandelson
10:38:28 Amy Tenney
10:39:12 Eldena Bear Don't Walk
10:41:16 Eldena Bear Don't Walk directed a question to Director Gootkin.
10:42:15 Rep. Smith
10:48:36 Amy Tenney

10:50:24 Eldena Bear Don't Walk

VIOLENT CRIME ISSUES: Overview of Definitions Related to Violent Crime and of Montana's Violent Offender Registry

10:51:44 Rachel Weiss
[EXHIBIT 4](#)
[EXHIBIT 5](#)
[EXHIBIT 6](#)

10:55:08 Laura Sherley

Public Comment on Violent Crime Issues

11:00:06 None

Council Questions and Discussion

11:00:27 County Attorney Twito directed a question to Laura Sherley

SB 11 DATA WORK GROUP

Overview of Process to Establish Work Group

11:02:28 Rachel Weiss

Motion

11:04:38 Director Gootkin moved to create the work group (to provide feedback to the Board of Crime Control and the Department of Administration Staff on Data Elements for the Data Warehouse).

Vote

11:04:52 The motion carried unanimously without objection.

Council Questions and Discussion

11:05:01 Rachel Weiss

11:05:18 Presiding Officer Regier

11:05:25 Director Schandelson

POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL'S ENABLING LEGISLATION (Section 53-1-216)

11:07:14 Rachel Weiss
[EXHIBIT 7](#)

Public Comment on Potential Changes to the Criminal Justice Oversight Council's Enabling Legislation

11:12:23 None

Council Questions and Discussion

11:12:33 Rep. Smith

11:16:54 Director Schandelson

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC UNDER THE COUNCIL'S JURISTICTION BUT NOT ON THIS AGENDA

11:18:51 None

WORK SESSION

11:19:15 Rachel Weiss

Council Discussion and Direction to Staff

11:21:46 Rep. Smith

11:22:15 Director Gootkin

11:22:31 Director Schandelson

11:24:22 Eldena Bear Don't Walk

11:24:51 County Attorney Twito

11:26:10 Rep. Smith

11:27:05 Rachel Weiss

11:27:37 Rep. Smith

11:28:11 Director Schandelson

11:29:59 Chair Regier

11:30:15 Rachel Weiss

11:31:30 Director Schandelson

11:32:07 Rep. Smith

11:33:31 Rachel Weiss

11:34:35 Director Gootkin

11:34:52 Presiding Officer Regier

11:35:05 Rachel Weiss

11:35:39 Director Schandelson

11:36:44 Rep. Smith

11:37:20 Rachel Weiss

ADJOURNMENT

11:37:58 Presiding Officer Regier adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.