



# Law and Justice Interim Committee

68th Montana Legislature

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## DRAFT AGENDA

### Law & Justice Interim Committee

May 14, 2024

State Capitol Building, Room 137

*Agenda times are approximate.*

### Tuesday, May 14, 2024

- 9:00 a.m.**      **Call to Order – Roll Call – *Rep. Amy Regier, Chair***
- 9:05 a.m.**      **Meeting overview/ administrative matters – *Sara Hess, Research Analyst (Tab 1)***
- Review committee bill draft request process
  - Questions from Committee
- 9:10 a.m.**      **Agency Updates (Tab 2)**
- Montana Board of Crime Control – *Natalia Bowser, Director*
  - Office of the Public Defender – *Brett Schandelson, Executive Director*
  - Department of Corrections (update on Institutional Screening Committee) - *Scott Eychner, Rehabilitation and Programs Chief*
  - Public Comment\*
  - Questions from the committee
- 9:50 a.m.**      **Administrative Rule Review – *Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney (Tab 3)***
- Public Comment\*
  - Questions from Committee
- 10:00 a.m.**      **Update from HB 5 Select Committee on Corrections Capacity - *Walker Hopkins, Fiscal Analyst (Tab 4)***
- Public Comment\*
  - Questions from the Committee
- 10:30 a.m.**      **BREAK**

- 10:45 a.m. Review of DRAFT final reports (Tab 5)**
- SJ 31 DRAFT final report
  - HB 697 DRAFT final report
  - Public comment\*
  - Committee Discussion on next steps or recommendations
- 11:00 a.m. Member Topic: Parental Alienation syndrome (Tab 6)**
- Overview and definitions - *Sara Hess, Research Analyst*
  - **TBD (invited)** – *Family Law Section, State Bar of Montana*
  - Questions from the Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Parental Alienation syndrome (con't): Judges' Panel (Tab 6)**
- Judge Brenda Gilbert, *6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Park and Sweet Grass counties)*
  - Judge Rienne McElyea, *18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Gallatin county)*
  - Judge Leslie Halligan, *4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Missoula and Mineral counties)*
  - Questions from the committee
- 12:30 p.m. Public Comment\* on parental alienation syndrome study**
- 1:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 2:00 p.m. Problem-solving courts: First Judicial District Behavioral Health Court (Tab 7)**
- Judge Michael McMahon, *1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District (Lewis & Clark and Broadwater counties)*
  - Public comment\*
  - Questions from the committee
- 2:45 p.m. Civil and Forensic commitments (HB 872 Commission request) (Tab 8)**
- Work Group Report – *Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney*
  - Questions from the committee
  - Public comment\*
  - Discussion and next steps
- 3:45 p.m. Review of Inmate Welfare Fund audit ('22-'23 interim) –Amber Robbins, Legislative Audit Division (Tab 9)**
- Public Comment\*
  - Questions from the Committee
- 4:00 p.m. Provisional Draft 001 (Tab 10) Sara Hess, Research Analyst**
- Public Comment\*
  - Discussion and next steps

- 4:15 p.m.**      **Provisional Draft 002** (Tab 10) *Sara Hess, Research Analyst*
- Public Comment\*
  - Discussion and next steps
- 4:30 p.m.**      **Provisional Draft 003** (Tab 10) *Sara Hess, Research Analyst*
- Public Comment\*
  - Discussion and next steps
- 4:45 p.m.**      **Public comment on items within LJIC’s jurisdiction NOT on the agenda\***
- 5:00 p.m.**      **Committee Work Session**
- Discussion and next steps, further directions to staff
- 5:15 p.m.**      **Adjourn**
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