



# LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

## 67th Montana Legislature

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### Interim Budget Committee - Public Safety & Public Service Agenda

*(times and content are subject to change)*

June 15, 2022 – Room 317

Updated: **June 14, 2022**

- 8:30 Call to Order – Roll Call – Chairman Mercer
- Introduction – New Sec. D analyst: Hunter Sczepanski
  - State Special Revenue Demonstration and Explanation of Fund Balance Green Sheets – Cathy Duncan
- 8:35 Department of Corrections – Dir. Brian Gootkin and staff  
March-May Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
Agency discussion topics:
- 1) Update on Reorganization
  - 2) Updates on Union Agreements - Current and Future Costs – Impacts of Raises
    - a. Where agency is in hiring process and where hiring is planned (Correctional Officers)
    - b. Where hiring has been successful and not (Correctional Officers)
  - 3) HB 693 Reporting (Q3 – through March)
  - 4) Department of Corrections Master (Facility) Plan – Russ Katherman, A&E Division Administrator, DOA (tentative, or DOC staff)
- ARPA Funding – Community Corrections Need (*white paper on need*) – Erin McGowan
- 10:00 Community Corrections Panel
- Mike Thatcher, CCCS, Butte
  - Sue Wilkins, Missoula Pre-release Center
  - Alan Scanlon, Great Falls Pre-Release
  - Erin McGowan, Montana Community Corrections Association
  - Amy Tenney, Boyd Andrew Community Services, Helena (on Zoom)
  - Dave Armstrong, Alternatives, Inc, Billings
- 11:00 Montana’s Probation and Parole Practices: Supervising According to Risk  
LEG Audit – Alyssa Sorenson
- OBPP Comments on Department of Corrections – Brent Doig  
Public Comment – Department of Corrections Topics

- 11:30 Public Service Commission – President Brown and staff  
 March-May Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
 Agency discussion topics:  
 1) Update on Strategic Plan and Agency Organization  
 2) Update on REDDI  
 OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
 Public Comment – Public Service Commission Topics
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 1:00 Office of Public Defender – Rhonda Lindquist and staff  
 March-May Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
 Agency discussion topics:  
 1) Updates on Union Agreements-Costs-Hiring Impacts  
 a. Breakdown of attorney vacancies by location  
 2) Update on Case Management/Time Keeping System – Unlocked FY 2023 Funding?  
 3) Demonstration on OPD Dashboard  
 OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
 Public Comment – Office of Public Defender Topics
- 2:00 Department of Justice – Will Selph and staff  
 March-May Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
 Agency discussion topics:  
 1) Updates on Union Agreements – Montana Highway Patrol  
 2) Update on Boulder Campus  
 3) Agency Plans/Activities Associated with MERLIN Replacement  
 a. Infrastructure needs to support (i.e. the servers) – Shawn Davis  
 b. Merlin replacement process – Laurie Bakri  
 4) Children’s Advocacy Center Program Update
- 3:00 Board of Crime Control – Natalia Bowser  
 1) Presentation of Requested Reports  
 a. Changes in Violent Crime (BOCC reported for purposes of OPD)  
 b. Historic Comparison of Byrne Jag funding (BOCC reported for purposes of DOJ)  
 c. Crisis Intervention Training, DPHHS report (reported for purposes of DOJ)  
 2) HJ 29 – Next Steps  
 a. Understanding purchasing power  
 b. Changes: Populations in Need or Funding (or both)  
 OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
 Public Comment – Department of Justice Topics
- 4:00 Judicial Branch – Beth McLaughlin and staff  
 March-May Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
 Agency discussion topics:  
 1) Progress on Return to Normal Courtroom Activity Following COVID Slowdown  
 2) HB 693 and ARPA Reporting  
 OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
 Public Comment – Judicial Branch Topics

- 5:00 Update on HJ 31 – Criminal Justice Data Study – Rachel Weiss  
Budget Preparation, Budget Memos, Executive Planning Process (EPP) - Brent Doig, OBPP
- 5:30 Other Committee Business, Upcoming Meetings – Cathy Duncan  
Public Comment on any topic before the Sec. D Interim Budget Committee  
Adjourn

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