Interim Budget Committee - Public Safety & Public Service
Section D: Judicial Branch, Department of Justice, Public Service Commission, Office of State Public Defender, Department of Corrections

Agenda (times and content are subject to change)
March 16, 2022 – Room 317 (updated 3/8/22)

8:30 Call to Order – Roll Call – Chairman Mercer
Approval of the minutes

8:35 MARA 2040 Planning and Activities – Cathy Duncan
Beginning of Budget Preparation – Current Budget Memos – Brent Doig

9:00 Department of Corrections – Dir. Brian Gootkin and staff
December-February Budget Report, Cathy Duncan
Agency discussion topics:
1) Agency comments on status of FY 2022 budgets, observations on expectations for FY 2023, and updates on implementation of new programs or FTEs funded by the 2021 Legislature
2) Prison staffing - relationship between staffing level and prison census
3) Risk Assessments
4) HB 693 Reporting

OBPP Comments – Brent Doig
Public Comment – Department of Correction Topics

10:30 Office of Public Defender – Rhonda Lindquist and staff
December-February Budget Report, Cathy Duncan
Agency discussion topics:
1) Agency comments on status of FY 2022 budgets, observations on expectations for FY 2023, and updates on implementation of new programs or FTEs funded by the 2021 Legislature
2) HB 2 Quarterly Reporting - New Cases filed and Number of Cases Worked (with detail)
3) ARPA funding – Uses and Early Results

OBPP Comments – Brent Doig
Public Comment – Office of Public Defender Topics

12:00 Lunch Break
1:00  Public Service Commission – Chairman Brown and staff  
December-February Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
Agency discussion topics:
   1) Agency comments on status of FY 2022 budgets, observations on expectations for FY 2023, and updates on implementation of new programs or FTEs funded by the 2021 Legislature  
   2) Software Modernization (REDDI) Project Update  
   3) Performance Assurance Account Update  
   4) Strategic Plan/Agency Reorganization Update  
OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
Public Comment – Public Service Commission Topics

1:30  Department of Justice – Kris Hansen and staff  
December-February Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
Agency discussion topics:  
   1) Agency comments on status of FY 2022 budgets, observations on expectations for FY 2023, and updates on implementation of new programs or FTEs funded by the 2021 Legislature  
   2) Drug Taskforce – Steve Crawford  
   3) Update on 9-1-1 and Public Safety Radio System – Steve Lavin  
   4) Discussion of Human Trafficking Response – Bryan Lockerby  
   5) Process for Providing Supplies to County Offices  
OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
Public Comment – Department of Justice Topics

3:00  Board of Crime Control – Natalia Bowser  
   1. Board Updates  
   2. HJ 29  
OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
Public Comment – Board of Crime Control

4:00  Judicial Branch – Beth McLaughlin and staff  
December-February Budget Report, Cathy Duncan  
Agency discussion topics:
   1) Agency comments on status of FY 2022 budgets, observations on expectations for FY 2023, and updates on implementation of new programs or FTEs funded by the 2021 Legislature  
   2) Annual Statistics-Planning Tool  
   3) Law Library Fees Research  
   4) Update on Flathead Judgeship  
   5) HB 693 Reporting  
OBPP Comments – Brent Doig  
Public Comment – Judicial Branch Topics

5:00  Public Comment on any topic before the Sec. D Interim Budget Committee  
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