



# Law and Justice Interim Committee

## 69th Montana Legislature

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## AGENDA

May 7, 2026

State Capitol, Room 154 and Zoom

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8:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll Call**  
*Chair Regier*

8:35 a.m. **Criminal Justice Data Warehouse:** Implementation update  
*Kayla Bragg, Executive Director, Montana Board of Crime Control*  
*Janice Fries, Statistical Analysis Center Director, Montana Board of Crime Control*  
*Adam Carpenter, Chief Data Officer, Department of Administration*

- Public comment\* on the topic
- Questions from the committee

9:00 a.m. **Buffer Zone Law:** Insights from states that have enacted similar laws, and review of provisional draft committee legislation (**LJIC-PD3**): Creating the offense of obstructing a first responder with specified intent after a warning  
Review of LJIC-PD3  
*Laura Sherley, Committee Staff, LSD*  
Other State Insights  
*Rep. Wendy McNamara, Indiana Legislative House District 76*  
*Sen. Scott Baldwin, Indiana Legislative Senate District 20*

- Public comment\* on the topic
- Questions from the committee
- *Potential action item:* revise/approve LJIC-PD3, if wanted

9:45 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. **HJ 32 – Study of Advanced Investigator Qualifications for Law Enforcement:**  
Stakeholder input on funding for serious crime investigation trainings  
*Shelby DeMars, Montana Police Protective Association*  
*Nic Eisele, Fallon County Undersheriff, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association*

- Public comment\* on the topic
- Questions from the committee

- 11:00 a.m.      **Committee Legislation:** Review of provisional draft committee legislation (**LJIC-PD2**):  
Revise laws related to the Sexual Assault Response Network program and committee  
*Laura Sherley, Committee Staff, LSD*
- Public comment\* on the topic
  - Questions from the committee
  - *Potential action item:* revise/approve LJIC-PD2, if wanted
- 11:30 a.m.      **Administrative Rule Review**  
*Abbie Cziok, Legislative Attorney, LSD*
- Public comment\* on the topic
  - Questions from the committee
- 11:45 a.m.      **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.      **Correctional Grievance Programs:** Overviews of the Montana Department of  
Corrections grievance program, and other states' correctional ombudsmen programs  
Montana Department of Corrections grievance program  
*Eric Strauss, Director*  
Other States' Corrections Ombudsman Programs  
*Keith Barber, Ombudsman, Michigan Office of Legislative Ombudsman*  
*Bernardo Granwehr, State Ombudsman, Iowa Office of Ombudsman*
- Public comment\* on the topic
  - Questions from the committee
- 2:00 p.m.      **Agency updates:** Department of Corrections  
*Eric Strauss, Director*
- Public comment\* on the topic
  - Questions from the committee
- 2:45 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:00 p.m.      **Montana's DUI and Child Endangerment Laws**  
*David Ricci, Criminal Division Deputy County Attorney, Cascade County*
- Public comment\* on the topic
  - Questions from the committee
- 3:30 p.m.      **Public comment\*** on any item within the committee's jurisdiction but not on this agenda
- 3:45 p.m.      **Committee Work Session**
- Instructions to staff:
    - Agency oversight - *What additional updates or information would the committee like to request from the agencies? Are there questions you want addressed at or by the July meeting?*
    - Assigned studies and member topics - *What additional information related to the studies would the committee like to receive? Are there stakeholders the committee would like to invite or next steps it would like to take? Are there draft bills the committee wants to have staff draft?*
  - Additional instructions to staff, if any
  - Next meeting date: July 14 -- Helena
- 4:30 p.m.      **Adjourn**

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