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TO: Law and Justice Interim Committee
FROM: Rachel Weiss
RE: February 13-14 meeting agenda and materials

The Law and Justice Interim Committee (LJIC) will meet on February 13-14 in Helena in Room 102 of the Capitol. The meeting starts at **8:30 a.m. on Thursday** the 13th and at **8 a.m. on Friday** the 14th.

The meeting agenda is enclosed in this packet along with the meeting materials. On Thursday, you will focus on the National Criminal Background Check System and gun ownership/mental health issues, along with the SJ 22 study and other committee issues. On Friday, you will focus on the SJ 3 study of the Board of Pardons and Parole (Board). The materials are roughly organized in the agenda order and most can be found online at www.leg.mt.gov/ljic.

For Thursday's agenda, meeting materials include:

- a letter introducing the annual report from the Office of the Public Defender (The actual report is available for download from the LJIC website, but because it is lengthy, it is not included in this packet.);
- a follow-up report to an earlier performance audit of OPD;
- a report from the Department of Justice on the False Claims Act; and
- an administrative rule memo from staff.

For Friday's agenda, the materials include:

- a paper from The Pew Charitable Trusts about parole in New Jersey;
- a background paper on risk and needs assessments;
- a copy of the risk assessment tool used by the Board;
- a Pew Center on the States brief on risk and needs assessments;
- the Texas Parole Board Annual Report on its parole guidelines;
- lists of parole conditions used by the DOC and the Board;
- a flow chart of alternative sanctions for parole and probation violations;
- average denial rates for prerelease centers and treatment programs for FY2008-2012;
- administrative rules from Oregon and Alaska related to recordings of parole hearings;
- a background paper on the 1990 Criminal Justice and Corrections Advisory

- Council (The full report is lengthy and available at the LJIC website.);
- a research paper on certificates of rehabilitation;
- a legislative history of good time from 1988; and
- a report on good time after the 1997 repeal;

Other materials in the packet but not related to agenda items in particular are public comments, information about the Department of Homeland Security's timeline to implement REAL ID, and the summary minutes logs from your July and September 2013 meetings.

Please feel free to contact any of your staff with questions. I can be reached at 444-5367 or rweiss@mt.gov. Julianne can be reached at 444-4025 or jburkhardt@mt.gov.