

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
**HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
SENATE JUDICIARY & RULES COMMITTEE**

DATE: Friday, January 12, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Lincoln Auditorium- WW02

MEMBERS: Chairman Skaug, Vice Chairman Scott, Representatives Ehardt, Young, Cannon, Erickson, Alfieri, Allgood, Dixon(24), Gallagher, Garner, Handy, Lambert, Sauter, Wroten, Gannon, Nash, Mathias

Chairman Lakey, Vice Chairman Foreman, Senators Lee, Anthon, Ricks, Hart, Hartgen, Wintrow, Ruchti

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Ehardt, Young, Cannon, Gallagher, Nash,

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Lakey called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

Ashley Dowell, Chair of the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission, presented an overview of the Idaho Criminal Justice System.

Chairman Lakey inquired regarding the interactions between the Commission of Pardons and Parole and the Office of the Governor.

Josh Tewalt, Director of the Idaho Department of Correction, presented information regarding probation, incarceration, methods of avoiding prison, risk principles, petitions, and supervision.

Committee inquired regarding probation and parole violations, and oversight of counties' probation programs.

Sheriff Kieran Donahue, Canyon County Sheriff's Department, presented information regarding probation oversight, procedure, alternative sentencing, treatment programs and pre-trial divisions.

Judge Thomas Sullivan, Canyon County Magistrate, presented information regarding the decision-making process regarding probation.

Committee inquired regarding risk assessment, pre-trial release, funding, supervision, blended sentencing, and release.

Sara Omundson, Administrative Director of Courts, Idaho Supreme Court, presented information regarding funding associated with bond, bail, and pre-trial services.

Judge Jonathon Brody, Fifth Judicial District, presented information regarding blended sentencing, truth-in-sentencing, judiciary discretion, and fixed and indeterminate sentencing.

Ashley Dowell, Chair of the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission, presented information regarding the decision-making process for release and hearings.

Committee inquired regarding employer and government cooperation for the benefit of individuals in the system and employers in Idaho, system capacity, population dynamics and the number and composition of incarcerations housed out-of-state.

Chairman Lakey turned the gavel over to **Chairman Skaug**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:34pm.

Representative Skaug
Chair

Nancy Conrad
Secretary