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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS & REVENUE

BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY, &  
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1st Meeting

February 4, 2020

The Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice, Public Safety, & Judiciary of the House Standing Committee on Appropriations & Revenue held its 1st meeting of the 2020 Regular Session on February 4, 2020, at 12:00 PM, in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. The Chair called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Members Present: Representative Jason Nemes, Chair; Representatives Daniel Elliott, Nima Kulkarni, and Jason Petrie.

Guests: Mary C. Noble, Secretary, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; LaShana Harris, Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice; and Representative John Blanton.

LRC Staff: Zach Ireland, Savannah Wiley, Ben Thompson, Dillard Collier, and Jim Thornton

**Justice and Public Safety Cabinet**

Secretary Noble conducted an overview of the Cabinet's needs and intentions and the impact of the Governor's proposed budget on the Cabinet. Secretary Noble outlined that the state has crumbling corrections facilities in some places. She indicated that the proposed budget is adequate and that one of the Cabinet goals is to have fewer prisons but to ensure they are better maintained.

In response to a question from the Chair concerning Access to Justice and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Secretary Noble answered that the lack of a line item in the budget did not indicate intent to not fund these entities.

In response to a question from the Chair, Secretary Noble stated that there was no intent to fund private-run corrections facilities.

**Department of Juvenile Justice**

Commissioner Harris gave an overview of the Jefferson Regional Detention Center (RJDC).

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.