

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 5, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 316, 1/28/2019; HB 310, 2/30/2019; HB 308, 1/29/2019

09:00:15 Chair Mandeville

### HEARING ON HB 316

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:49 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 316, Increase square footage amount for lease without leg approval.

[EXHIBIT\(sth23a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth23a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth23a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

#### Informational Testimony:

09:08:32 Garrett Bacon, Department of Administration (DOA)

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:09:08 Vice Chair McKamey

09:09:41 Rep. White

09:10:30 Vice Chair McKamey

09:10:44 Rep. Webb arrived.

09:10:58 Rep. White

09:12:49 Vice Chair McKamey

09:13:59 Rep. White

09:17:55 Rep. Karjala

09:18:30 Garrett Bacon, DOA

09:19:02 Rep. Karjala

09:19:34 Rep. White

09:20:47 Rep. Karjala

09:22:10 Garrett Bacon, DOA

09:22:55 Rep. Hayman

09:23:52 Rep. White

09:24:28 Rep. Hayman

09:24:45 Rep. Sales

09:26:54 Garrett Bacon, DOA

#### Closing by Sponsor:

09:27:13 Rep. White

### HEARING ON HB 308

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:28:22 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 308, Repeal provision on naming and labeling of political committees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:29:06 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)  
09:38:59 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:41:07 Rep. Garner  
09:41:27 Commissioner Mangan, COPP  
09:42:25 Chair Mandeville  
09:45:07 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:47:00 Rep. Bachmeier

**HEARING ON HB 310****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:48:16 Rep. Denise Hayman (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 310, Require application in judicial elections for judges and justices.

[EXHIBIT\(sth23a04\)](#)

09:50:06 Rep. Winter arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:50:37 Mike Wheat, Former Supreme Court Justice, Self  
09:56:06 John Mudd, State Bar of Montana  
09:57:54 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

[EXHIBIT\(sth23a05\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:00:20 Rep. Custer  
10:00:57 Justice Wheat  
10:01:29 Rep. Garner  
10:01:51 Rep. Hayman  
10:02:30 Rep. Garner  
10:04:35 Justice Wheat  
10:05:01 Chair Mandeville  
10:07:26 Rep. Hayman  
10:08:22 Rep. Custer  
10:08:42 Rep. Hayman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:08:54 Rep. Hayman

10:10:08 Chair Mandeville

10:10:49 Rep. Custer

10:11:12 Chair Mandeville

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:11:33

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth23aad.pdf](#))