

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 7, 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. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Clerk  
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 157, 1/15/2019; HB 184, 1/23/2019  
Executive Action: HB 181, HB 260

**HEARING ON HB 184****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:02:06 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 184, Constitutional initiative regarding tobacco products.

09:05:35 Rep. Garcia joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:10:26 Jean Branscun, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

09:14:11 Ann Simons, JUUL Labs

[EXHIBIT\(sth25a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:15:09 Ron Marshall, Self

09:20:59 Greg Troutman, Self

[EXHIBIT\(sth25a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth25a03\)](#)

09:35:56 Lucas Anderson, Self

[EXHIBIT\(sth25a04\)](#)

09:38:09 Jason Cornfeld, Self

09:40:11 Rep. Mortensen left the meeting.

09:40:38 Deanna Marshall, Self

[EXHIBIT\(sth25a05\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:41:24 Rep. Greef

09:42:10 Ann Simons, JUUL Labs

09:42:24 Rep. Garner

09:42:59 Rep. Fern

09:43:22 Rep. Garner

09:43:39 Jean Branscun, MMA

09:44:07 Vice Chair McKamey

09:44:30 Lucas Anderson, Self

09:45:50 Rep. Sweeney

09:46:32 Jean Branscun, MMA

09:47:21 Vice Chair Bachmeier

09:48:49 Rep. Fern

09:49:52 Rep. Custer

09:51:32 Jean Branscun, MMA

09:51:54 Rep. Bahr

09:52:46 Jean Branscun, MMA

09:52:57 Rep. Greef

09:53:49 Deanna Marshall, Self

09:54:14 Rep. Sales

09:54:37 Ron Marshall, Self

09:56:05 Rep. Sales  
09:56:29 Jean Branscun, MMA  
09:57:22 Rep. Custer  
09:57:55 Lucas Anderson, Self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:59:37 Rep. Fern

10:05:15 Vice Chair Bachmeier assumed the Chair.

**HEARING ON HB 157**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:06:20 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 157, Generally revise laws related to disqualification of judges.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:08:54 John Juras, Montanans for Untainted Judges  
[EXHIBIT\(sth25a06\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:23:01 John Mudd, State Bar of Montana (SBM)  
10:37:46 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

**Informational Testimony:**

10:54:42 Jeff Mangen, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:02:04 Rep. Custer  
11:03:31 Commissioner Mangen, COPP  
11:03:54 Rep. Custer  
11:04:37 Rep. Mandeville  
11:05:11 Rep. Garner  
11:05:28 Rep. Mandeville  
11:05:48 John Juras, Montanans for Untainted Judges  
11:06:20 Rep. Garner  
11:07:36 Rep. Mandeville  
11:08:15 Rep. Garner  
11:09:05 John Mudd, SBM  
11:09:57 Rep. Garner  
11:10:08 Rep. Mandeville  
11:10:30 Vice Chair McKamey  
11:11:30 Commissioner Mangen, COPP  
11:12:52 Rep. Sales  
11:15:42 John Mudd, SBM  
11:16:36 Rep. Sweeney  
11:16:56 John Juras, Montanans for Untainted Judges  
11:17:14 Rep. Winter  
11:17:23 Vice Chair McKamey  
11:17:44 John Mudd, SBM

11:18:49 Rep. Custer  
11:19:25 Al Smith, MTLA  
11:20:28 Rep. Custer  
11:21:38 Jeff Mangen, COPP  
11:22:01 Rep. Hayman  
11:23:47 John Mudd, SBM  
11:24:35 Chair Bachmeier  
11:25:10 Rep. Mandeville

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:25:40 Rep. Mandeville  
  
11:29:43 Rep. Mandeville resumed the Chair.  
  
11:30:32 Recessed  
11:35:46 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 181**

11:35:59 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 181 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:36:08 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
11:36:37 Chair Mandeville  
11:36:53 Vice Chair McKamey  
11:37:37 Rep. Winter  
  
11:38:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Mandeville and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 260**

11:39:31 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 260 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:39:41 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
11:40:02 Vice Chair McKamey  
11:40:51 Chair Mandeville  
11:41:06 Rep. Hayman  
  
11:41:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.  
  
11:42:15 Chair Mandeville  
11:43:54 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
11:44:14 Chair Mandeville

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:44:37

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Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth25aad.pdf](#))