

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on March 11, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch  
Jacelyn Stewart, Committee Secretary

**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 106, 2/28/2019; HB 129, 2/28/2019; HB 137, 2/28/2019; HB 164, 2/28/2019; HB 170, 2/28/2019

Executive Action: HB 343 - Be Concurred In

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 343****Discussion:**

15:00:38 Chair Brown  
15:00:50 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:01:09 Sen. Smith entered the meeting.

15:01:21 Chair Brown  
15:02:02 Ms. Aldrich, LSD  
15:02:44 Sen. Bennett

15:02:53 Sen. Cuffe left the meeting.

15:03:08 Chair Brown  
15:03:30 Ms. Aldrich  
15:03:49 Chair Brown

15:04:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 343 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Esp will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON HB 129****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:05:21 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 129, Generally revising local government laws regarding elections.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:06:44 Don Seifert, Gallatin County commissioner  
[EXHIBIT\(sts49a01\)](#)

15:08:35 Eric Bryson, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

15:09:50 Dana Corson, elections director, Office of the Secretary of State

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:10:08 Sen. Bennett  
15:10:33 Rep. Fitzgerald  
15:10:38 Chair Brown  
15:11:06 Rep. Fitzgerald  
15:11:46 Chair Brown  
15:13:30 Mr. Bryson, MACo  
15:14:01 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:14:19 Rep. Fitzgerald

**HEARING ON HB 164****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:14:56 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 164, Establish qualifications for the office of sheriff.

[EXHIBIT\(sts49a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts49a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts49a04\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:21:47 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)  
15:26:06 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
15:26:53 Jesse Slaughter, Cascade County sheriff  
15:28:53 Allen Fulton, Rosebud County sheriff  
15:30:31 Josh McQuillan, Carbon County sheriff  
15:31:48 Eric Gilbertson, sergeant, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office  
15:33:02 Brian Gootkin, Gallatin County sheriff  
15:33:58 Tom Butler, colonel, Montana Highway Patrol

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

15:34:40 Jennifer Viets, Criminal Justice Informational Network (CJIN), Department of Justice

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:35:09 Sen. Kary  
15:35:45 Ms. Vites, CJIN  
15:38:18 Sen. Kary  
15:38:24 Chair Brown  
15:38:54 Ms. Vites  
15:39:35 Sen. Kary  
15:41:07 Ms. Vites  
15:41:33 Chair Brown  
15:41:48 Ms. Vites  
15:42:11 Sen. Bennett  
15:43:55 Ms. Vites  
15:44:27 Sen. Bennett  
15:48:38 Rep. Usher  
15:48:54 Sen. Bennett  
15:49:15 Ms. Gilbertson, MSPOA  
15:49:39 Sen. Ellis  
15:50:28 Ms. Gilbertson  
15:51:20 Sen. Kary  
15:54:00 Ms. Gilbertson  
15:54:24 Mr. Gootkin, Gallatin County  
15:54:46 Chair Brown  
15:55:10 Mr. Gootkin  
15:55:40 Chair Brown  
15:55:56 Mr. Gilbertson, Lewis and Clark County

15:56:38 Ms. Vites  
15:57:09 Sen. Ellis  
15:59:58 Mr. Fulton, Rosebud County  
16:00:46 Ms. Vites

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:01:32 Rep. Usher

**HEARING ON HB 170**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:07:12 Rep. Mark Sweeney (D), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 170, Clarify duties of the state treasurer.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:11:35 Mark Bruno, financial director, Department of Administration (DOA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:16:04 Sen. Ellis  
16:16:35 Mr. Bruno, DOA  
16:17:28 Chair Brown  
16:19:55 Mr. Bruno

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:20:08 Rep. Sweeney

**HEARING ON HB 106**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:20:45 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 106, Revise constituent services account administration.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

16:23:38 Susan Fox, executive director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:24:03 Chair Brown  
16:28:25 Ms. Fox, LSD  
16:28:53 Chair Brown  
16:29:04 Sen. Bennett  
16:31:02 Ms. Fox  
16:31:59 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:32:18 Rep. Gunderson

16:33:42 Chair Brown

16:33:54 Rep. Gunderson

**HEARING ON HB 137**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:35:18 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 137, Create a statewide drug takeback day.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:38:54 Zoe Barnard, administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services

16:40:30 Kali Wicks, government relations manager, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

16:42:02 Rebecca Meyers, Montana BioScience Alliance

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:42:59 Chair Brown

16:43:20 Rep. Dudik

16:44:09 Sen. Kary

16:44:47 Rep. Dudik

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:45:41 Rep. Dudik

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:46 PM

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Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts49aad.pdf](#))