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

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on March 20, 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. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 310, 3/14/2019; HB 319, 3/14/2019; HJ 1, 3/14/2019

Executive Action: HB 234, Be Concurred In
HB 297, Be Concurred In
HB 305, Be Concurred In as Amended

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 234

14:37:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bennett moved that **HB 234 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Kary and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Ellis will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 297

14:38:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bennett moved that **HB 297 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Kary and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Kary will carry the bill.

14:39:28 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 305

14:39:45 **Motion:** Sen. Bennett moved that **HB 305 BE CONCURRED IN**.

14:39:58 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 305 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(sts57a01\)](#)

Discussion:

14:40:27 Ms. Aldrich, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(sts57a02\)](#)

14:42:29 Chair Brown

14:43:10 Sen. Ellis

14:43:23 Chair Brown

14:43:42 Ms. Aldrich

14:44:03 Sen. Bennett

14:44:23 Ms. Aldrich

14:44:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Kary and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

14:45:18 **Motion:** Sen. Bennett moved that **HB 305 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

14:45:26 Chair Brown

14:46:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Kary and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Brown will carry the bill.

14:46:52 Recess

15:00:11 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 319**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:00:37 Rep. Thomas Winter (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 319, Revise agency fund terminology.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:01:29 Cody Pearce, state accountant, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:02:55 Chair Brown

15:03:31 Ms. Pearce, DOA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:03:46 Rep. Winter

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

15:04:46 Rep. Denise Hayman (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 310, Require application in judicial elections for judges and justices.

[EXHIBIT\(sts57a03\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:06:27 Mike Wheat, former senator and Supreme Court justice

15:08:56 Bruce Spencer, State Bar of Montana

15:10:17 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

[EXHIBIT\(sts57a04\)](#)**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:12:40 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation, testifying on behalf of Anita Milanovich, constitutional litigation attorney, Butte

[EXHIBIT\(sts57a05\)](#)**Informational Testimony:**

15:20:50 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:21:09 Sen. Ellis

15:21:41 Rep. Hayman

15:22:04 Chair Brown

15:23:01 Mr. Wheat

15:23:06 Sen. Bennett

15:27:13 Mr. Wheat

15:27:38 Chair Brown

15:30:54 Mr. Wheat

15:31:22 Chair Brown
15:31:40 Sen. Ellis
15:31:59 Mr. Wheat
15:32:50 Chair Brown
15:33:49 Mr. Wheat
15:34:17 Chair Brown
15:35:16 Mr. Corson, SOS
15:35:33 Sen. Bennett
15:35:48 Mr. Corson
15:35:58 Ms. Aldrich

Closing by Sponsor:

15:36:22 Rep. Hayman

HEARING ON HJ 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:38:11 Rep. Denise Hayman (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HJ 1, Interim study on voter qualifications for all special purpose districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:40:58 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:42:21 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:42:43 Rep. Hayman

15:44:25 Brief Recess

16:01:16 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 316

16:01:18 Chair Brown said that HB 316 will be rescheduled to a later date due to a hearing conflict with the bill sponsor.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:02 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts57aad.pdf](#))