

Testimony
On Senate Bill 365
Before the House Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications Committee
By Doug Hardy on behalf of the Montana Electric Cooperatives Association
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Mr. Chairman, Members of the committee, I am Doug Hardy General Manager of Park Electric Cooperative based in Livingston, Montana testifying on behalf of the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association representing all 26 retail Electric Cooperatives meeting the electrical needs of around 400,000 Montanans.

We support SB 365. The extension of USBP without expansion allows the Cooperatives to meet and exceed the commitments made in 1997 when USB came into existence, without increased costs to our member consumers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee and I will be available to respond to any questions you may have.