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SB. 290

Tuesday, March 29, 2005

House Local Government Committee
RE: SB 290

Chairman Noennig and members of the committee,

My name is Jim Carlson. I am Director of Environmental Health at the Missoula City-County Health Department. I am representing the Missoula City-County Health Department which administers the Sanitation and Subdivision Act in Missoula County. We have also been involved in the committee that drafted this bill.

We support Senate Bill 290 as a compromise created in response to some existing language conflicts between the Subdivision and Platting act and the Subdivision and Sanitation Act. The Bill represents consensus between divergent interests from state and local government, public interest groups and the land development industry including realtors, engineers and surveyors. The committee working on bill amendments has been respectful and has made every attempt to include the concerns of every group represented.

The Missoula City-County Health Department supports this bill. We ask that you also support Senate Bill 290.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Carlson, R.S
Director of Environmental Health