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Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Bryce Bennett and I am a student from the University of Montana in Missoula. I have come today to show my strong support for House Bill 165, a bill written by my classmate and representative, Kevin Furey. This bill will ensure that every student as they enter the university system will have a say in how they are represented. As it stands a student could go through college without ever having any say over who their student regent was or how they acted. It is this lack of accountability that this bill looks to solve. The Student Regent is expected to be a direct advocate for the will and needs of the students of Montana. To ensure that this is always the case, an annual confirmation is needed. This will ensure that every year the student regent nominee has the stamp of approval from all Montana students. It is this stamp of approval that will give our student regent the mandate they need on the board to assure that the will of the students is carried out to its fullest. It is for these reasons that I ask you to give House Bill 165 a do pass recommendation. Thank you.