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Madam Chairman, Members of the Board. My name is Connie Summers and I am the Student Lobbyist representing Montana State University-Billings. I come today to oppose House Bill 165. We are not comfortable with the new language that reads, "the student regent may be reappointed to succeeding terms." We believe the wording should specify that the Montana Associated Students confirm the reappointment of a student regent's term. If this does not occur, the governor should be given a new slate of three names from the Montana Associated Students. With this clarity, we also feel it would prevent any misunderstanding or future litigation similar to the 2003 lawsuit filed by Montana Associated Students concerning a reappointment.