

Amendment Requested by the Public Service Commission

The Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) requests the legislature consider an amendment to HB 263. The amendment would include the PSC as the "supervising authority" for the Department of Public Service Regulation in context of the uniform complaint process.

The PSC is not under the direct supervision of the governor. The PSC is comprised of elected officials and is therefore of the same nature as the secretary of state, attorney general, and several other agencies in this regard. The PSC is the head of the Department of Public Service Regulation and could properly be designated the "supervisory authority" for the Department.

Thank you for your consideration.

HOUSE BILL NO. 263

M. LANGE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCESS FOR STATE AGENCIES...."

Legislative format:

1. Page 2, line 12.

Following: "the"

Insert: "public service commission,"

Narrative format:

NEW SECTION. Section 3. (3) (b) (new matter underlined):

"(b) the public service commission, secretary of state, attorney general, auditor, and superintendent of public instruction for each elected official's respective office and agency;"

*Agencies should have to ~~notify~~
notify all complainants of process.*