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Presented by Larry Peterman
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Mr. Chairman and committee members, for the record I am Larry Peterman, Chief of Field operations for Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). I am here to provide information on SB 55.

The sacrifice by the men and women of Montana's National Guard and Federal Reserve during times of war or national emergency is something we all should recognize and be proud of. SB 55 proposes a free wildlife conservation license during the year a member returns or a year later for a resident Montana National Guard or Federal Reserve member who was mobilized through a congressional or presidential callup.

FWP has not taken a position on SB 55 but is here to provide the following information. It is estimated that approximately 1,025 members would take advantage of this opportunity. This would result in a reduction of revenue to FWP of $4,100, to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation of $2,050 and to the Department of Military Affairs of $256. Thank you Mr. Chairman.