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Presented by Jim Kropp
Senate Fish and Game Committee

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I am Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement for Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP).

FWP enforces the provisions of Title 87 that include the statutory revisions proposed in this bill. We have worked closely with the Attorney General's office on this legislation in order to establish the clarifying language regarding the unlawful possession and unlawful sale of game animals listed before you.

This bill does not stipulate substantive changes in current statutes. The sole intent of this legislation is to replace or reorganize old language found in Title 87, in an effort to ensure a more clear understanding and consistent application of these sections. The changes listed include deleting duplicative verbiage and restructuring the codes in a more logical order.

The unlawful possession and unlawful sale statutes are extremely important laws for FWP and are necessary to help protect Montana's fish and wildlife resources for existing and future generations.

I urge your support of HB 131.