Senate Local Govt. Comm.
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MONTANA STATE SENATE

+++++ **WITNESS STATEMENT** +++++

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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL ? 300

DO YOU: **SUPPORT**____ **OPPOSE** * **AMEND**____

COMMENTS:

The Dept. of Admin does an excellent job under the present guidelines of 2-17-101

The State presently has 1.2 million feet of lease space with a yearly price tag of 12 million dollars or $10.00/sq ft. This rate is an excellent rate. Of the 1.2 million feet 48% is "downtown" and 52% is "other". Of the 52% that is "other", a large majority cannot be located downtown because of the nature of the business conducted. This means the majority of space leased is already "downtown".

Let the Dept of Admin do their job. Don't spend additional funds that will have little or no effect. Do not require additional reports that really don't serve any purpose.

Allow the Dept of Admin to do their job unencumbered!

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH COMMITTEE SECRETARY