

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

SB 195
Senator Mike Wheat
January 18, 2005

CITY OF BILLINGS
Testimony

1. This bill is limited to the ⁹ ~~five~~ major counties that constitute growth areas. Given that limitation and the proposed revisions to the bill, it becomes a good tool that can be used and not one that has stringent requirements.
2. The definition of Land Use Management Techniques and Transfer of Development Rights is an important aspect of this bill. It codifies these activities as legitimate Growth Management tools.
3. The City of Billings has already complied with new Section 3a and most of Section 3b with the adoption of its current annexation policy.
4. With the understanding that Section 4 is being deleted in its entirety we would support development of language that specifically allows for incentives in cluster development to remain in the bill.
- ~~5. Requiring 50% open space in cluster development ^{is} was too high.~~

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