

House Bill 109
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Senate State Administration Committee

Madam Chair and committee members, for the record I am Doug Monger, Administrator of Parks of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). FWP is currently responsible for some of the maintenance of the State Capitol Complex. FWP maintains the tree and turf areas, the capitol flower display and we handle snow removal during the winter. The Department of Administration (D of A) maintains the Capitol Complex buildings and other infrastructure. There is an opportunity to consolidate some of the tasks done by each agency.

Maintenance of the Capitol Complex is paid for by an internal service fund proprietary account where each agency with office space on the complex pays a fee based on the square footage they occupy to help maintain the buildings and grounds. If HB 109 passes, the funding FWP currently receives for grounds maintenance will be transferred to D of A. There is no fiscal impact of this bill. The people currently employed by FWP will simply transfer to D of A and continue with their same jobs. FWP will give up FTE and D of A will gain those same FTE.

We agree, it makes sense to take the actions proposed by HB 109 to streamline government. FWP would continue to provide landscape architect services for the capitol grounds and serve on the Capitol Grounds Advisory Council at no cost to the Department of Administration.

We urge your favorable consideration of HB 109.