

SENATE TAXATION

EXHIBIT NO. 2

DATE 4-1-05

BILL NO. SB 475



April 1, 2005
Testimony from the Missoula County Commissioners
In support of
House Bill 475

The Missoula County Board of County Commissioners and Missoula County Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer are in support of House Bill No. 475 which would allow a county governing body to impose a surcharge on motor home registration fees.

Two local law offices have established LLCs in order to title and register mobile homes for out of state clients. In fact these services are advertised nationwide.

These transactions are very time consuming and impact the time available to serve Missoula County customers. Right now we try and limit the impact by scheduling an hourly appointment daily with these LLCs . However, we can't keep up with the paperwork they would like to have done daily, and they simply drop off files to be worked after hours

Since motor homes are exempt from the local option vehicle tax, the county receives no monetary benefit for the time that our Treasurer's office dedicates to these transactions. The surcharge allowed by House Bill 475 would help alleviate this situation. We would appreciate your support.