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SB SJ26



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Chairman Elsie Arntzen
and Members of the House Local Government Committee
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Chairman Arntzen, and Members of the House Local Government Committee:

The City of Missoula has concerns with Senate Joint Resolution 26 as amended.

Amendments made to Representative Liabe's SJR26 distort the original purpose of the resolution, "interim study on the laws relating to zoning and land use planning." The amendment language expands the scope of the resolution to include annexation. Combining the complexities of zoning and land use planning with the complexities of annexation is ill advised. In fact, current state law considered those complexities by defining the activities in two separate titles within the M.C.A.

The City of Missoula encourages you to drop the amendments made to the resolution.

Sincerely,

John Engen
Mayor

cc: The Missoula Delegation
Alec Hanson, Director Montana League of Cities and Towns