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House Bill 10
"Long Range Information Technology Funding Bill"

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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, for the record my name is Dick Clark. I am the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the State of Montana.

I rise today in support of HB10 for the following reasons:

1. HB10 is consistent with the statutory planning requirements contained in the Montana Information Technology Act to prepare a information technology project budget summary (2-17- 526, MCA) and the requirements for preparing information technology proposals in state agency budgets as contained in the Budget Act (2-17-7-111(3)(g) and 17-7-111(4)(b), MCA);
2. HB10 is consistent with Recommendation #4 of the October 2005 LAD Audit for DOA/ITSD to coordinate with OBPP on any IT investments to be included in the governor's budget;
3. HB10 accomplishes the policy goals of Montana Information Technology Act to develop IT resources in an "organized, deliberative and cost-effective manner" (2-17-505, MCA);
4. HB 10 achieves the administrations' goals for managing major IT projects as described on page F-14 of the LFD Budget Analysis:
 - Appropriations for "capital projects" continue until completion of a major project
 - Centralized project oversight enhances project management and fosters stronger partnerships between agencies and the state CIO
 - All projects in one piece of legislation gives the legislature a broad vision of the state IT program and related investments.

I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.