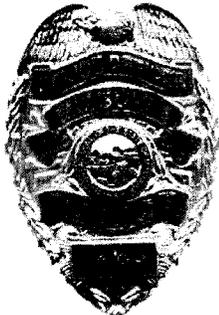


SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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Senate Local Government Committee
2009 Montana State Legislative Session

Chairman Esp and Committee Members,

I write briefly requesting you give SB 261 a DO PASS recommendation to fellow members of the Senate. As Chief of Police for Missoula, I was approached by our local transportation authorities as to my position on granting our City Council authority to make local ordinances as appropriate to accommodate smoother and safer interaction of our transit system. I fully support the change to MCA 7-14-4403.

I believe that each municipality would thereby have the opportunity to design any new ordinances necessary to improve safety and public transit efficiency. I do not see that this will provide any additional burden on law enforcement, though it will present a need for local education and discretion of officers in dealing with violators who might be unaware of local ordinance. I have agreed to help our local transit authority develop effective means by which to develop and promote these safety enhancement regulations should SB261 pass both houses and be signed into law.

Thank you for your consideration and supporting a DO PASS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Muir".

Mark Muir, Chief of Police