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HB 66: Clarify agency to which State Records is attached
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Secretary of State Linda McCulloch's Testimony

- Good morning Madam Chair, members of the committee.
- For the record, I am Montana Secretary of State Linda McCulloch.
- I am here today to support House Bill 66, an act clarifying that the State Records Committee is currently and historically administered by the Secretary of State, and providing the Secretary of State rule-making authority.
- Thank you Representative Swanson for agreeing to sponsor this legislation.
- Rep. Swanson has explained why this bill is important for managing records for state government, including the records of this Legislative body.
- The preservation and protection of state and local government documents is essential for continuity of public and transparent business-critical functions and for ensuring historical legacy.
- Likewise, when a record has met its retention, proper training and direction for destroying those records ensures measurable cost-savings for Montana taxpayers.
- It makes good common sense that rulemaking authority is needed to establish transparent requirements for agencies to comply with current, public recordkeeping.
- That you for your support for HB 66, to ensure proper management and safeguarding of Montana's public records. Thank you for your time today.