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Finance and Claims Committee:

Dave Lewis, Chairman and Committee members:

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In order to keep a Brucellosis Class Free Status in Montana, livestock producers are required to test according to the rules that are set in place by the Montana Department of Livestock under the new APHIS rule. The Department of Livestock shall pay for the cost of testing. Right now testing costs for the Department are considerably down, but that will change with the new numbers of Elk being tested and being found positive for brucellosis and the attempts to move Bison out of Yellowstone Park and into other Counties in Montana. This problem could take all the money and more that the Department of Livestock has. **SB237**, asks that the money for testing comes from the General Fund, not per capita money

For these reasons we ask for a yes vote for **SB237**.

Thank you,

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