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Chairman Jim Shockley and members of the Senate State Administration Committee, my name is Richard E. Grady, a trustee/secretary of the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District, located 25 miles Northwest of Helena.

I am submitting written testimony as an individual that is involved with a rural fire district as a trustee, in support of House Bill 119 Introduced by Representative Gordon Hendrick on behalf of the Public Employees Retirement Board.

As a trustee, this past week we completed an overview of our insurance coverage regarding general liability, accident/illness and workers compensation for the volunteer fire company, trustees and auxiliary membership.

We have also been reviewing our by-laws, policies and standard operating guidelines for the district to better serve the community.

I have outlined the following points in support of House Bill 119.

1. Section 2, (2) in the deletion of the maximum number of a fire company is not allowed more the 28 certificate members will reduce the amount of administration on documentation and requirements on a specific number pertaining to a fire company.
2. The definition on a fire company and volunteer firefighter is much clearer for the trustees of a rural fire district.
3. Support Section 8 (3) © and (4) being deleted and is still covered in the draft bill. The values of the contents of the fire station are addressed by the insurance coverage with the district and have been added to the new section under 7 – Eligible Fire Company.

In summary, the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District provides workers compensation coverage through State Fund, accident/sickness and general liability with a private insurance carrier that is providing protection for the Board of Trustees, the membership, auxiliary and the community for the taxpayers that support the funding of the district.

Thank-you for the opportunity to speak in support of House Bill 119 as an individual, who volunteers and serves as a trustee of a rural fire district.

Respectfully submitted

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