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WRITTEN STATEMENT  
OF  
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**Proponent of SB 31**

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Before the House Federal Relations, Energy and Telecommunications  
Committee

Mr. Chairman, for the record, my name is Gary Wiens, representing Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association. We submit this written testimony for the record.

Montana's electric cooperatives have long believed hydropower is renewable.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Federal hydropower is excluded from this bill so it would not cover these sources of power, which is the power upon which the Montana electric cooperatives' mostly rely on for hydropower.