Montana State Legislature

2013 Session

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BUSINESS REPORT

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Date: Monday, February 4, 2013
Place: Capitol

Time: 10:00 A.M.
Room: 350

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD: None

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN: None

Comments: Legislative Audit Division, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Public Practices

REP. Ryan Osmundson, Chair

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call
GENERAL GOVERNMENT JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: Feb. 4, 2013

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/ EXCUSED
SEN. ALAN OLSON, VICE CHAIR	✓	
REP. CHAMP EDMUNDS	✓	
REP. KELLY MCCARTHY	✓	
SEN DAVID WANZENRIED	✓	
SEN. EDWARD BUTTREY	✓	
REP. RYAN OSMUNDSON, CHAIR	✓	

Montana House of Representatives
Witness Statement

JOINT ASC - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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NAME: Maureen Connor BUDGET: HB2 - SOS

ADDRESS: 2715 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59602 DATE: 2/4/13

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Montana Association of Counties

SUPPORT: X OPPOSE: _____ AMEND: _____

COMMENTS:

The Montana Association of Counties (a member organization of 56 counties) supports the funding for the Secretary of State...

The statewide database is not needed for local elections, it is only needed for the statewide and federal elections.

The State should provide funding and not shift the cost to local government.

Montana House of Representatives
Witness Statement

JOINT ASC - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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NAME: Jane Weber BUDGET:

ADDRESS: 325 2nd Ave North DATE: 2/4/2013

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Cascade County Commissioners

SUPPORT: X OPPOSE: AMEND:

COMMENTS: including costs of maintenance of MT Votes, computerized voter registration system in HB 2

see attached

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Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government
Room 350
Testifying in Support of Inclusion of the MT Votes expense in HB-2
Jane Weber, representing the Cascade County Board of Commissioners
February 4, 2013

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee, my name is Jane Weber. I am a Cascade County Commissioner and I stand before you today representing the Cascade County Board of Commissioners in support of including funding for the ongoing maintenance of the Montana Votes computerized voter registration system in HB-2. Cascade County, like many other counties continually struggles to provide the basic life safety and public infrastructure needs for our citizens. I commend the Secretary of State's office for careful fiscal management which has enabled the state to finance the support and annual maintenance of our statewide computerized voter registration system for four years. If this cost was passed onto the County, we in Cascade County would take on the additional burden of over $24,000 annually. This amount represents more than half the salary of a public health nurse or snowplow operator. According to the Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research, earnings in Cascade County's economy grew by 1.3% in 2012 - the smallest gain of any of Montana's large counties. Cascade County's economy has remained relatively flat. With the slow growth projected to continue, I ask that this committee support including annual maintenance of the MT Votes system in HB-2 to alleviate shifting the burden to our local level where it would impact the services we provide to our residents. Thank you.

Montana House of Representatives
Witness Statement

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NAME: Rina Fontana Moore BUDGET:

ADDRESS: 325 2nd Ave No DATE: 2/4/13

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Cascade County

SUPPORT: X OPPOSE: AMEND:

COMMENTS:

We would urge your support for funding the MT Votes system through HB2. Our election dept have seen rising costs over the last few years because of legislation and most recently the non-abbrev. ballot language.

We respectfully request your support for this most important state wide data base.

Montana House of Representatives
Witness Statement

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NAME: Maureen Davey, Commissioner BUDGET: HB2 - SOS

ADDRESS: PO Box 970, Columbus 59019 DATE: 2-4-13

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Stillwater County

SUPPORT: X OPPOSE: _____ AMEND: _____

COMMENTS:

Stillwater County supports Sec. of State McCulloch's request in her budget to fund MT Votes

Statewide database is not need for local elections

The data base is need for state & federal elections.

Montana House of Representatives
Witness Statement

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NAME: Janice Hoppes BUDGET: HB 2 SOS

ADDRESS: 30 4th Ave SW DATE: 2-4-13

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Pondera County

SUPPORT: X OPPOSE: AMEND:

COMMENTS:

The Montana Votes database has been funded by federal dollars under the Help America Vote Act.

The counties already bear the costs of elections, including federal & state offices on the ballots.

The request of the Secretary of State's office for funding of the MT Votes database is an appropriate cost to be paid by the state.

We ~~request~~ stand in support of the SOS funding request

Montana House of Representatives
Witness Statement

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NAME: Ruth L. Baker BUDGET: HB-2 SOS

ADDRESS: 307 Rapelje Hysham, MT DATE: 2-4-13

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Treasure County

SUPPORT: X OPPOSE: _____ AMEND: _____

COMMENTS:

I support the Sec. of State Budget request for paying the fees for the Montana Votes Software. MT Votes is used for State & Federal Elections & the cost of the program should by paid by the State.

Montana House of Representatives
Witness Statement

JOINT ASC - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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NAME: Michael Wendland BUDGET: HB 2 SOS

ADDRESS: 315 4th St Havre Mt DATE: 2-4-2013

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Hill County

SUPPORT: X OPPOSE: _____ AMEND: _____

COMMENTS:

Support Mont full funding of Montana Vote not pass down to Counties - another unfunded mandate to Counties

MONTANA House of Representatives
Visitors Register
HOUSE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, February 4, 2013

Sponsor: **No Bills to be Heard**

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Maureen Connor	Montana Association of Counties	X		
Michael Wendland	Hill County	X		
Maureen Davey	Stillwater County	X		
Ruth L. Baker	Treasure County	X		
Sharon DeCock	Treasure County	X		
Jane Weber	Cascade County	X		
Gina Moore	Cascade County	X		
Janice Hoppes	Pondera County	X SOS		
Cindy Jorgenson	Legislative Audit Division			X
James W. Murry	COPP	X		
Julie Steab	COPP			X
Mary Baker	COPP			X

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.