

Montana State Legislature

2013 Session

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BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA SENATE
63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2013

Place: Capitol

Time: 8:00 A.M.

Room: 335

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HB 477 - Require utility to release energy use, provide shut off data, address liability
Rep. Tom Berry

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

HB477 - Be Concurred In As Amended
(Carried by Sen. Vincent)

Comments:



SEN. Alan Olson, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE

Roll Call

ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: April 4, 2013

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
CHAIRMAN ALAN OLSON	X	
VICE CHAIRMAN VERDELL JACKSON	X	
SENATOR RON ARTHUN	X	
SENATOR ROBYN DRISCOLL	X	
SENATOR JEFF ESSMANN	X	
SENATOR GREG JERGESON	X	
SENATOR LLEW JONES	X	
SENATOR CHRISTINE KAUFMANN	X	
SENATOR CLIFF LARSEN	X	
SENATOR JASON PRIEST	X	
SENATOR MITCH TROPILA	X	
SENATOR CHAS VINCENT		X
SENATOR ED WALKER		X

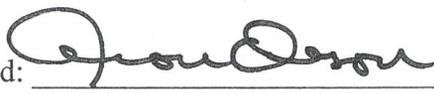


SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 4, 2013
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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Energy and Telecommunications** recommend that **House Bill 477**
(third reading copy -- blue) **be concurred in as amended.**

Signed: 
Senator Alan Olson, Chair

To be carried by Senator Chas Vincent

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, page 1, line 9.

Following: "~~CONTRACT~~"

Insert: "AND UTILITY LIABILITY"

2. Title, page 1, line 10.

Following: "~~DATE~~"

Insert: "AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE"

3. Page 1, line 25.

Following: "(3)"

Insert: "(a)"

4. Page 1.

Following: line 27

Insert: "(b) A utility may provide the information required pursuant to subsection (1) only to a person or entity owning the property or representing the person or entity or to a person involved in a real estate-related transaction on the property."

5. Page 1, line 28.

Strike: "THIS SECTION, "utility""

Insert: "[sections 1 and 2], the following definitions apply:

(a) "Real estate-related transaction" means any of the

Committee Vote:

Yes 10, No 1

Fiscal Note Required

following:

(i) the making or purchasing of loans or providing other financial assistance:

(A) for purchasing, constructing, improving, repairing, or maintaining a housing accommodation or property; or

(B) secured by real estate; or

(ii) the selling, leasing, brokering, or appraising of real property.

(b) "Utility"

6. Page 2.

Following: line 12

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 2. Utility -- liability. A utility is liable for direct damages resulting from a discontinuance of utility service caused by breach of a continuous service agreement."

Renumber: subsequent sections

7. Page 2, line 14.

Strike: "[SECTION 1] IS"

Insert: "[Sections 1 and 2] are"

8. Page 2, line 16.

Strike: "[SECTION 1]"

Insert: "[sections 1 and 2]"

9. Page 2.

Following: line 23

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 4. Severability. If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 5. Saving clause. [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act]."

Renumber: subsequent sections

10. Page 2.

Following: line 25

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 7. Applicability. [This act] applies to damage to property that occurs on or after [the effective date of this act]."

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