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HB13: State Pay Plan
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Secretary Linda McCulloch's Testimony

Good morning Mr. Chair, members of the Committee. For the record, I am Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State. Thank you Representative Swanson for carrying this important legislation.

I stand in support of this bill, and echo the request for the Committee to return HB13 to its original form so that more Montanans can be fairly compensated for their hard work and commitment to our state.

The money that has been stripped out of this bill is money stripped from Montana families. They are counting on your support – and those who rely on their services are doing the same.

I stand behind the negotiated agreement of a 5% statutory base pay increase this year and an additional 5% increase next year. I urge you not to short-change these hardworking Montanans by giving them the raises they deserve. Thank you.

