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Presented by Jim Kropp
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Mr. Chairperson and committee members, I am Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). I am here to provide information on Senate Bill 123.

This bill establishes a program funded through donations that provides the opportunity for hunters to donate their game to feed the hungry. Many states have implemented programs like this working cooperatively with private non-profit organizations to process the meat and distribute it to appropriate organizations for distribution to those in need.

Non-profit organizations exist throughout the nation and other states' wildlife agencies collect the donations and pass-through the funds to the non-profits. We have worked with the sponsor on an amendment mirroring these already established programs. We have also contacted the Montana Food Bank Network and they are supportive of the opportunity to receive donations collected by FWP to administer the program. We are committed to working with all the non-profit entities and to utilizing our rule making authority to implement the bill.

With the sponsor's amendments, FWP would support this program.