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House Joint Resolution No. 27  
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Senate Natural Resources Committee

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I am Michael McLane, Water Conservation Specialist of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). I am here today on behalf of the Director in support of House Joint Resolution No. 27.

House Joint Resolution No. 27 accurately identifies eight of the most relevant and important water policy issues in the West. FWP appreciates the sponsor's efforts in bringing these concepts and this bill before the legislature for your consideration. These are all concepts worthy of study. They are issues of considerable complexity – both legally and practically. As such, these issues are best analyzed through an interim committee evaluation.

While FWP supports study of these issues, the agency also recognizes that completing a detailed analysis of these concepts prior to September 15, 2014 may be an overly ambitious task for the time requested.