

SENATE TAXATION

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Good morning, Chairman Tutvedt and members of the Senate Taxation Committee. I am Senator Dee Brown from SD2, which is the northern part of Flathead County. I call it the huckleberry and grizzly capital of Montana.

I am before you this morning to present testimony on Senate Bill 100. This bill ties our resource development to funding for our schools. It is similar to a bill I carried in the 2009 session.

As we develop our coal, oil and natural gas in Montana there should be a direct benefit to our schools. SB100 would allow 25% of taxes on NEW development going to our school flex accounts which allow local districts to use the funding for their own prioritized needs. Some will use the funding for books, others for a new boiler---it is an opportunity for them to use the new tax base for purchases outside the normal budgeting process and enhance opportunities for our children.

With that, Mr. Chair and committee members, I will sit and ask for a do pass on Senate Bill 100. I also reserve the right to close. Thank you.

*Testimony to Senate Taxation Committee on SB100, January 25,
2013 by Senator Dee Brown*