

Senate Bill 230  
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Presented by Paul Sihler  
Senate Fish and Game Committee

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Paul Sihler and I am the Chief of Operations for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). I rise in support of SB 230.

This is a bill that FWP worked with Senator Vincent on last session that eventually failed.

SB 230 will add another step of public involvement associated with potential land acquisitions of 640 acres or greater. It will help to ensure the department considers all relevant issues in our environmental analyses associated with those projects, and should make those analyses better and more comprehensive.

We appreciate Senator Vincent being willing to work with us on this, and are supportive of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.