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HB 845 and the MCA Folio

Comment:

My name is James Reavis and I am a resident of Billings. I am an attorney with the Office of the Public Defender and I am writing to you in my personal capacity today. This session the Montana Legislature passed HB 845, an exciting bill that will help Legislative Services more easily share the "MCA Folio" across state government. The MCA Folio is a very useful legal research tool that will be used by state prosecutors, public defenders, and other state agencies to cut down on legal research time. Under HB 845, Legislative Services will provide the MCA Folio to any agency that wishes to purchase access to the software for a minimum cost. This council must determine that cost. Charging a state agency a single low cost would go a long way towards the successful implementation of HB 845. I would encourage this council to reach a solution that provides for: 1.) A single low cost for a state agency to pay (once) to receive MCA Folio access, & 2.) A single download code for a state agency to make it easy for the state agency's IT department to install the software on their own agency's computers. Allowing the MCA Folio to be installed on as many state computers as possible with a minimal number of administrative headaches will help our agencies better share information and cut down on legal research time. Thank you so much.

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