

Section F Public Comment

Wednesday 2/3/2021

Details:

Bill: HB-5: Long-Range Building Appropriations 2021-02-04 08:30 AM - (H) JAS on Long-Range Planning

Position: Informational Witness

Representing an Entity/Another Person: Yes

Organization: Office of Public Instruction

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City, State: Helena, MT

Written Statement: I will be glad to answer any questions concerning the Montana Learning Center Project. The OPI is party to a 20 year lease with Bureau of Reclamation and a 20 year lease with the Montana Learning Center. The OPI is the owner of the buildings on the site.

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Zoom Method: Computer

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Bill: HB-5: Long-Range Building Appropriations 2021-02-05 08:30 AM - (H) JAS on Long-Range Planning

Position: Informational Witness

Representing an Entity/Another Person: Yes

Organization: Department of Corrections

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City, State: Helena, MT

Written Statement: Not Provided

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Bill: HB-5: Long-Range Building Appropriations 2021-02-04 08:30 AM - (H) JAS on Long-Range Planning

Position: Proponent

Representing an Entity/Another Person: Yes

Organization: Montana School for The Deaf and The Blind

Name: Paul Furthmyre

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City, State: Great Falls

Written Statement: Chair Hopkins and members of the committee:

For the record, my name is Paul Furthmyre and I serve as the Interim Superintendent at the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind.

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Three of the bills include safety measures at our school. Most individuals that have daily interactions on campus have a visual or hearing impairment. The proposed sprinkling systems would help ensure safety of these individuals. It would provide for more time to exit the building in case of an emergency. With the ever changing landscape in our society, the swipe card lock system would allow us to control better who enters are buildings, both while school is in session and not.

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Organization: Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

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Written Statement: Not Provided

Files:

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Zoom Method: Computer

Details:

Bill: HB-14: Long-Range Building Bonding Program 2021-02-04 08:30 AM - (H) JAS on Long-Range Planning

Position: Informational Witness

Representing an Entity/Another Person: Yes

Organization: Department of Livestock

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Written Statement: Not Provided
Files:
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Representing an Entity/Another Person: Yes
Organization: Mt Department of Corrections-Montana Womens Prison
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City, State: Billings, MT
Written Statement: I will be happy to answer any questions as they pertain to the requested Door Control system at MWP.
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Zoom Method: Computer

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Position: Proponent
Representing an Entity/Another Person: Yes
Organization: Montana Farmers Union
Name: Kim Mangold
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Written Statement: Montana Farmers Union stands in strong support for the funding request for the Montana Veterinarian Diagnostic and Ag Analytical Labs. These Labs are essential to the health and well-being of the Agriculture industries in this state. Both of these labs serve as our first line of defense when it comes to recognizing disease and contamination before it can spread and cause unknown harm to Montana Agriculture and the economy of our #1 industry.

We also support MAES Research and Wool Laboratories full funding and be included in the base budget. These programs are critical to the advancement of Agriculture in the state. These programs provide the tools needed to stay competitive around the world in the commodities market. Ag Extension involves Research, Education and Assistance that is utilized by the producers across the state. From the new varieties of wheat developed to the new grazing techniques for livestock, the MAES programs are needed to insure a successful industry. To say that producers are dependent on these services, in order to grow and expand their operations, is putting it lightly.

It is because of these truly essential programs that all members of Montana Farmers Union stand in support of the Labs and Montana Ag Extension and the Wool Lab.

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Position: Proponent

Representing an Entity/Another Person: No

Organization: N/A

Name: Rick Sandru

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City, State: Twin Bridges

Written Statement: I support funding for the proposed veterinary diagnostic lab.

Files:

Testify via Zoom: Yes

Zoom Method: Computer

Details:

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Position: Proponent

Representing an Entity/Another Person: Yes

Organization: Montana Department of Transportation

Name: Jon Swartz

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Written Statement: Mike Murolo, MDT Facilities Bureau Chief will be presenting the projects for the Montana Department of Transportation in HB 5. Myself and Tim Conway will be available for any questions

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Representing an Entity/Another Person: No

Organization: N/A

Name: Race King

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City, State: Dillon

Written Statement: I support funding the veterinary diagnostic lab.

Files:

Testify via Zoom: Yes

Zoom Method: Computer

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Representing an Entity/Another Person: No

Organization: N/A

Name: Jake Feddes

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City, State: Manhattan

Written Statement: I stand in support of the veterinary diagnostic lab project.

Files:

Testify via Zoom: Yes

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Organization: Office of Public Instruction

Name: Barbara Quinn

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City, State: Helena

Written Statement: My name is Barbara Quinn, a Budget Analyst for the Office of Public Instruction. I will be available to answer questions about the project for the Montana Learning Center.

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Representing an Entity/Another Person: No

Organization: N/A

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Written Statement: Support for the State Veterinary Diagnostic Lab.

Files:

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Zoom Method: Computer

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Representing an Entity/Another Person: No

Organization: N/A

Name: John M. (JM) Peck

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City, State: Melrose, Montana

Written Statement: I stand in support of HB-14, more specifically the funding/bonding for new veterinary diagnostic lab. As a cattle rancher, I understand the importance of timely and accurate testing for veterinary lab samples to ensure the health and safety of our herds and food supply. I live near the DSA and diagnostic testing is something we require and rely on on a regular basis. A new, state of the art lab will ensure that we can continue to up-hold standards for quality and safety for years to come.

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Zoom Method: Phone