

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

Introduced by Toole, et al.

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2/01	Referred to Agriculture, Livestock & Irrig.
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2/11	Hearing
2/13	Tabled in Committee

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INTRODUCED BY Tom Gilbert

BY REQUEST OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA SUPPORTING RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND AND ECONOMICALLY VIABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to promote and maintain economically viable agricultural production systems and to protect public health and environmental values; and

WHEREAS, the sustainability of agricultural production and the environmental protection objectives are mutually served by development and widespread adoption of resource-conserving, energy-efficient, and economical production techniques; and

WHEREAS, an ever-increasing number of Montana farmers and ranchers are seeking ways to improve soil quality, protect ground water and surface water resources, reduce soil erosion, and generate higher value cash crops; and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial need for increased research and demonstration of scientifically valid, environmentally sound, and economically viable agricultural production management systems in the Northern Great Plains

and Rocky Mountain regions and for effective educational programs to inform farmers and ranchers of research results; and

WHEREAS, projects to research and demonstrate environmentally sound, resource-conserving agricultural practices are currently eligible to compete for funds from the water development and renewable resource development grants programs, but relatively few applications for these types of projects are received by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; and

WHEREAS, federal funds to promote environmentally sound agricultural production practices have recently been increased through passage of the federal Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, otherwise known as the 1990 federal farm bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 increase production of higher value cash crops; and

12 (2) development of effective educational programs to
13 deliver results of the research and demonstration work
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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK
& IRRIGATION

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