

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

Introduced by Wallin, et al.

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2/05	Referred to Fish and Game
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2/15	Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended
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2/26	Referred to Fish and Game
3/21	Hearing
3/22	Tabled in Committee

*House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *19*

INTRODUCED BY

*Wallace Edwin Barnett*

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*Hayne Kelley* *William Spring* *W. Hanson*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE DIRECTOR

OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO PREPARE A STUDY OF ALL PARKS IN THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM TO DETERMINE THEIR APPROPRIATENESS, IMPORTANCE, AND PRIORITY IN ORDER TO RECOMMEND WHICH PARKS SHOULD HAVE SERVICES REDUCED, WHICH PARKS SHOULD BE CLOSED OR DISPOSED OF TO REDUCE COSTS AND NECESSARY FUNDING, AND WHICH PARKS SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH STATE FUNDING.

WHEREAS, state parks are established pursuant to section 23-1-101, MCA, for the purpose of conserving the scenic, historic, archaeological, scientific, and recreational resources of the state and, through their use and enjoyment, contributing to the cultural, recreational, and economic life of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, the state parks system has grown to more than 60 parks; and

WHEREAS, the state parks system is in a general state of serious disrepair in that many parks lack appropriate development, management, and maintenance due to insufficient funding and staffing; and

WHEREAS, while many of the parks are of unquestionable statewide significance and importance and are appropriate components of the state parks system, there may be others that are of local, but not state, importance and there may be some that do not have sufficient park resource values to be retained as public parks and that should be disposed of; and

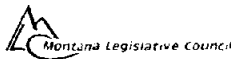
WHEREAS, the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks is empowered in section 23-1-102, MCA, to make a study to determine the scenic, historic, archaeological, scientific, and recreational resources of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, with the consent of the Fish and Game Commission, is empowered in section 87-1-209, MCA, to dispose of lands and waters acquired by the Department.

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

That the Director of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks is urged to:

- (1) prepare an inventory of the existing state parks;
- (2) classify which parks are of state park quality;
- (3) prioritize the importance of each state park; and
- (4) develop a plan for balancing available revenue with the number of parks in the system to achieve responsible



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1 park management.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the  
3 Legislature to substantially improve the quality of the  
4 state parks system by:

5 (1) including in it only those state parks worthy of  
6 classification;

7 (2) funding the development and management of state  
8 parks adequately to protect them as mandated by law;

9 (3) make the state parks available and safe for public  
10 use, enjoyment, education, inspiration, and fulfillment; and

11 (4) realize the potential of the state parks system to  
12 contribute more substantially to Montana's tourism industry  
13 and economy.

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ON FISH AND GAME

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