HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

Introduced by Wallin, et al.

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16	historic, archaeological, scientific, and recreational
17	resources of the state and, through their use and enjoyment,
18	contributing to the cultural, recreational, and economic
19	life of the people of the state; and
20	WHEREAS, the state parks system has grown to more than
21	60 parks; and
22	WHEREAS, the state parks system is in a general state of
23	serious disrepair in that many parks lack appropriate
24	development, management, and maintenance due to insufficient
25	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 17 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 18

That the Director of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, 19 20 and Parks is urged to:

- (1) prepare an inventory of the existing state parks;
- (2) classify which parks are of state park quality; 22
- (3) prioritize the importance of each state park; and 23
 - (4) develop a plan for balancing available revenue with the number of parks in the system to achieve responsible

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- 7 (2) funding the development and management of state8 parks adequately to protect them as mandated by law;
 - (3) make the state parks available and safe for public 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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