



1 ~~HOUSE~~ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23  
 2 INTRODUCED BY ~~Lee~~ ~~Wm F. Richards~~ ~~Gold Connelly~~  
 3 ~~Thomas Mercer Hays~~ ~~Samuel Brown~~

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN  
 6 INTERIM STUDY BY THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH COMPUTER SYSTEMS  
 7 PLANNING COUNCIL TO PLAN FOR PRODUCTIVE USE OF COMPUTERS BY  
 8 LEGISLATORS.

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 11 partner of state agencies in the efficient, economical  
 12 performance of public duties; and

13 WHEREAS, this trend is bound to continue; and

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 16 increasing degree over the past 18 years; and

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 19 ability of Montana legislators to communicate with each  
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21 WHEREAS, small portable computers with significant power  
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24 WHEREAS, careful planning of potential applications  
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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature has established the Legislative  
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8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
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 14 the study, through surveys and other appropriate means, to  
 15 ascertain the types of applications that members would find  
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17 That the Council survey the directions taken by other  
 18 states in providing computer support to their legislators  
 19 and evaluate the potential for similar applications in  
 20 Montana.

21 That the Council submit recommendations and options,  
 22 including budgets, for consideration by the 53rd Legislature  
 23 to begin implementation by the 54th Legislature.

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-2- INTRODUCED BILL  
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