



1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38  
 2 INTRODUCED BY [Signature]  
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE  
 4 ON LABOR AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

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 6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE MONTANA  
 8 AFL-CIO, THE MONTANA JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP, INCORPORATED,  
 9 THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
 10 COMMERCE TO SEEK ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE  
 11 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING NEEDS OF DISLOCATED WORKERS IN THE  
 12 WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

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 15 have experienced massive layoffs and plant closures  
 16 throughout the state in recent years, with an estimated  
 17 2,000 Montana wood products workers laid off in the past 12  
 18 months; and

19 WHEREAS, the existing Job Training Partnership  
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 21 (EDWAA) formula funds for 1990-91 have been allocated and  
 22 are currently depleted; and

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 24 1991-92 has been reduced by approximately \$300,000; and

25 WHEREAS, the future of the timber industry in Montana

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