

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 43

Introduced by Connelly, et al.

3/15	Introduced
3/15	Referred to Natural Resources
3/15	First Reading
3/15	Fiscal Note Requested
3/19	Fiscal Note Received
3/22	Fiscal Note Printed
4/01	Hearing
4/11	Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended
4/13	2nd Reading Passed as Amended
4/16	3rd Reading Passed
	Transmitted to Senate
4/17	On Motion Rules Suspended to Allow Late Introduction
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4/19	Hearing
4/19	Tabled in Committee

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House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. **43** *Rovey*

INTRODUCED BY *Connelly, Hoff, Bradley, McQuinn, Lee*
Dail, Harkitt, Dwyer, Hodas, Backer, Timberley, McCullough, Drake
A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF SUSTAINED YIELD FOREST MANAGEMENT; AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 53RD LEGISLATURE.
Wanzon, Southworth, Russell, Balwin, Homan, Dawell, Bel Brown, Hark, Jamel, Harkney, Kennedy, Vallelunga, Kelly, Mercer

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WHEREAS, the forest products industry directly employs over 11,000 workers and generates an additional 20,000 jobs in derivative sectors; and

WHEREAS, the long-term stability and prosperity of forest product-dependent communities are dependent on an even and regular supply of harvestable timber; and

WHEREAS, foreboding timber supply forecasts and recent mill closures in the Bitterroot, Flathead, and Missoula Valleys indicate that existing timber harvest levels may decline in the near future; and

WHEREAS, such a decline would bring economic hardship to western Montana.

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

4 (1) That the Department of State Lands be requested to
5 conduct an interim study of sustained yield forest
6 management on federal, state, and private lands in Montana.

7 (2) That the study include an evaluation of:

8 (a) the extent to which federal, state, and private
9 landowners are harvesting timber on a sustained yield basis;

10 (b) the productive capacity of federal, state, and
11 private lands;

12 (c) the relationship between sustained yield and
13 community and economic stability; and

14 (d) the potential application of new technology,
15 including satellite imagery and geographical information
16 systems, to monitor the growth and harvest of timber.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of State
18 Lands work closely throughout the study with persons and
19 organizations with expertise in forest management.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of State
21 Lands report the findings of the study to the 53rd
22 Legislature, develop recommendations on sustained yield
23 policies, and, if appropriate, present options for
24 legislative consideration to implement these
25 recommendations.

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INTRODUCED BILL
HJR 43

STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HJR0043, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:


A Joint Resolution requesting the Department of State Lands to conduct a study of sustained yield forest management and requiring the Department of State Lands to report its recommendations and findings to the 53rd Legislature.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There is an existing timber supply study under way that, with some modification, would partially address some issues identified for study in HJR0043.
2. Additional resources for conducting this study are not currently available within the department. The department would conduct this study by contracting with persons and organizations with expertise in forest management.
3. The study would be conducted in the following manner:
 - * The productive capacity of federal, state and private lands and the extent to which they are being harvested on a sustained yield basis, would be addressed using information developed through the ongoing timber supply study.
 - * The relationship between sustained yield and community and economic stability is a new study and would require an estimated \$15,000 to complete.
 - * The potential application of new technology to monitor growth and harvest of timber is a new study and would require an estimated \$15,000 to complete.
 - * An additional \$5,000 would be necessary to summarize the results of the timber supply study and to incorporate the two new studies into the study called for in HJR0043.
 - * Contracts would generally be completed in FY93 but some partial payments may be necessary during FY92.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY '92			FY '93		
	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
Operating Costs	0	10,000	10,000	0	25,000	25,000
<u>Funding:</u>						
General Fund	0	10,000	10,000	0	25,000	25,000
General Fund Impact (decrease)			(10,000)			(25,000)



 ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
 Office of Budget and Program Planning

3-19-91



 MARY ELLEN CONNELLY, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

3-22-91

Fiscal Note for HJR0043, as introduced

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APPROVED BY COMM. ON
NATURAL RESOURCES

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 6 SCHYE, WHALEN, COHEN, CROMLEY, MEASURE, WANZENRIED,
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HJR 0043/02

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HJR 0043/03

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