

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

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INTRODUCED BY *Debra L. Anderson, Ferguson*

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN  
3 INTERIM STUDY TO DEVELOP A STATE POLICY TO ENCOURAGE USE OF  
4 ETHANOL AND OTHER LIQUID FUELS DERIVED FROM RENEWABLE,  
5 DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED AGRICULTURAL AND TIMBER PRODUCTS;  
6 DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
7 CONSERVATION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ADVISORY  
8 COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT THE STUDY, DEVELOP THE PROPOSED POLICY,  
9 AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE 53RD LEGISLATURE.

10 WHEREAS, Montana has substantial renewable, domestically  
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12 for the production of ethanol and other liquid fuels,  
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15 wood waste; and

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20 carbon monoxide and emissions of other pollutants when added  
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2 provision that mandates reductions in pollutants emitted  
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6 include Billings, Great Falls, and Missoula; and

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9 exceptionally high protein content that is used in the  
10 baking industry, in the production of various health foods  
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17 byproducts, and the availability and form of subsidies from  
18 the state of Montana, other states, and the federal  
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20 goals and recommended legislation to guide the development  
21 of state programs to increase production; and

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