

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

INTRODUCED BY STIMATZ, BENGTON, WEEDING, BIANCHI,
HOCKETT, KENNEDY, DOHERTY, ANDERSON, GROSFIELD,
TVEIT, KEATING
BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 21, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES.

 FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 23, 1991 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 25, 1991 PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 26, 1991 SECOND READING, DO PASS.

 ENGROSSING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 27, 1991 THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 47; NOES, 0.

 TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 4, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES.

 FIRST READING.

APRIL 1, 1991 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

APRIL 6, 1991 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

 ON MOTION, RULES SUSPENDED. BILL
PLACED ON THIRD READING THIS DAY.

 THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 90; NOES, 7.

 RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 9, 1991 RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *25*

INTRODUCED BY *Stewart, Dargatzis, Wood, Breyer, Kelly, Schreyer, Anderson, Gortel*
BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE WATER
3 POLICY COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE NEED FOR
4 AND FEASIBILITY OF STATE REGULATION OF MONTANA'S GEOTHERMAL
5 RESOURCES.

6 WHEREAS, Montana has substantial water resources with
7 temperatures sufficient to allow extraction of energy from
8 the natural heat of those water resources, commonly referred
9 to as geothermal resources; and

10 WHEREAS, under current Montana water law, the quantity
11 of a geothermal resource may be protected, but the quality,
12 that is, the heat content and any byproducts associated with
13 the geothermal resource, is not; and

14 WHEREAS, the impact of continued development of
15 Montana's water resources on Montana's geothermal resources
16 is unknown; and

17 WHEREAS, a comprehensive analysis of the need to
18 regulate or protect Montana's geothermal resources has not
19 been conducted; and

20 WHEREAS, Montana should promote the wise development of

1 both its water resources and geothermal resources.

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

4 That the Water Policy Committee be requested to conduct
5 a study to determine:

6 (1) the need for and feasibility of state regulations
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9 from the natural heat of the water and the development of
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11 (2) if regulation of geothermal resources exists in
12 other states with substantial geothermal resources and, if
13 so, the experience of those states; and

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16 regulation of geothermal resources.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Water Policy Committee
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20 53rd Legislature by November 1, 1992.

21 -End-



-2- INTRODUCED BILL
SJR 25

STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SJR0025, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:


A joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Montana requesting the Water Policy Committee to conduct an interim study of the need for and feasibility of state regulation of Montana's geothermal resources.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Study will be absorbed into current level budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.


ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR 2-25-91 DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning


LAWRENCE G. STIMATZ, PRIMARY SPONSOR 2/25/91 DATE

Fiscal Note for SJR0025, as introduced **SJR 25**

APPROVED BY COMM. ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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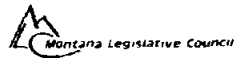
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-2- SECOND READING SJR 25

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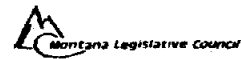
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