

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

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Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

INTRODUCED BY *Falkenberg Clark*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT INTERIM SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A MONTANA ENERGY POLICY; AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO THE 53RD LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the war in the Persian Gulf has focused public attention on the need to maintain and increase domestic energy supplies and to thereby maintain the nation's security and economic stability; and

WHEREAS, major legislation will soon be introduced in the United States Congress to provide the framework for a national energy policy; and

WHEREAS, Montana's economic stability depends upon the responsible development and conservation of its natural resources and the development of new markets for its agricultural commodities; and

WHEREAS, Montana needs a coordinated approach to develop international and interstate markets for its energy resources, including agricultural commodities, and to take advantage of the substantial opportunities that exist for

improving the efficiency and reliability of energy conversion technologies; and

WHEREAS, the 52nd Legislature has an opportunity to approve several important components of a state energy policy that are already supported by substantial analysis; and

WHEREAS, follow-up evaluation of energy policy initiatives approved by the 52nd Legislature is needed to identify aspects of energy production, conservation, conversion, transportation, and marketing in which additional policies, programs, and legislation are warranted.

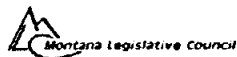
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(3) prepare a Montana energy production, conservation, and distribution profile, considering all energy sources,



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7 environmental, and regulatory factors; and

8 (5) prepare a proposed state energy policy, including
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