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1 *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *11*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Thomas J. Hundman Harper*  
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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE  
 6 LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO STATE  
 7 LEASING FOR HOUSING OF HELENA BASED OFFICES AND A COST  
 8 ANALYSIS OF THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE PRESENT CAPITOL  
 9 COMPLEX SO THAT ALL HELENA BASED STATE OFFICES WILL BE  
 10 LOCATED IN A SINGLE CAPITOL COMPLEX.

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 12 WHEREAS, Montana's early leaders envisaged a single  
 13 capitol complex to house all Helena based state offices and  
 14 agencies, and

15 WHEREAS, for many years after the capitol was built,  
 16 development of the capitol complex was unnecessary because  
 17 the capitol facilities were adequate for housing government  
 18 functions, and

19 WHEREAS, following World War II, the growth of  
 20 government has increased markedly, necessitating planning  
 21 for future building construction, and

22 WHEREAS, by the time the growth of government  
 23 necessitated the formation of a long-range building program,  
 24 many mistakes had been made because of hurried development,  
 25 and

1 WHEREAS, state agencies in Helena are now spread  
 2 haphazardly throughout Helena, and

3 WHEREAS, the state now engages in extensive renting of  
 4 private buildings from private parties in the Helena area in  
 5 order to house state agencies in Helena, and

6 WHEREAS, the economics of renting versus building  
 7 involve many complex variables, and

8 WHEREAS, the efficiency and coordination of state  
 9 government is adversely affected by this practice, and

10 WHEREAS, the state may benefit economically and  
 11 efficiency may be increased by placing all Helena based  
 12 state agencies in the capitol complex.

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

16 That the Legislative Auditor is directed to investigate  
 17 the leasing practices of the state of Montana in housing  
 18 Helena based state offices and agencies, to report abuses,  
 19 and to make recommendations in connection therewith;

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Auditor is  
 21 directed to conduct a study and cost analysis of the  
 22 feasibility of placing all Helena based state agencies in  
 23 the capitol complex, and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Auditor is  
 25 directed to gather and analyze various data including the

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1. economics of renting versus the construction of a capitol  
2. complex to house state offices and agencies based in Helena,  
3. said leasing practices of the state in terms of efficiency  
4. and responsiveness in government, and present state leasing  
5. commitments in Helena.

6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Auditor  
7. report his findings and recommendations to the Forty-fifth  
8. Legislature.

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