

1 *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *31*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Alvin* *Harper* *Huerndler*
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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE HUMAN
 6 SERVICES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WITHIN THE
 7 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO CONSIDER THE MERITS OF DISSOLVING THE
 8 DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS AND INTEGRATING ITS SERVICES
 9 ELSEWHERE.

11 WHEREAS, the title "Department of Institutions"
 12 indicates that the principle goal of the department should
 13 be to institutionalize persons, and

14 WHEREAS, the goal of the State should be to
 15 deinstitutionalize, rehabilitate, and heal sick, disturbed,
 16 and anti-social persons, and

17 WHEREAS, the activities most common to all branches of
 18 the Department of Institutions now involve acting as
 19 custodians of large public buildings, and

20 WHEREAS, the focus of the services under the
 21 department's supervision should be to develop programs to
 22 help people get out and stay out of institutions.

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

1 That the Human Services Research and Development
 2 Project within the Planning Division of the Governor's
 3 office be directed to consider the merits of dissolving the
 4 Department of Institutions and integrating its services into
 5 those departments where similar human resource and
 6 rehabilitative services are provided, and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Human Services
 8 Research and Development Project formulate a specific
 9 proposal as a result of its study which shall be submitted
 10 to the Forty-fifth Legislature in the form of a detailed
 11 recommendation for action, and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
 13 send a copy of this Resolution to the Human Services
 14 Research and Development Project.

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