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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54
2 INTRODUCED BY DAY, FISHBAUGH, SOUTH

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE
6 MONTANA STATE BUREAU OF MINES TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES OF THE
7 GROUNDWATER RESOURCES OF MONTANA.

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9 WHEREAS, there has been no comprehensive study of the
10 groundwater of the state of Montana as a whole, and

11 WHEREAS, groundwater studies in the coal-bearing region
12 of eastern Montana are vital for informed decision-making in
13 that region, and

14 WHEREAS, the Fort Union coal formation is an aquifer
15 for the groundwater of the Yellowstone River basin.

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

19 That the Montana State Bureau of Mines immediately
20 proceed to study the groundwater of the state of Montana as
21 an element of the state water plan, beginning with a study
22 of the groundwater in, above, and around the coal-bearing
23 Fort Union formation, the effects of strip mining on
24 groundwater movement and supply, and changes in soil
25 chemistry resulting from aquifer disturbance.

REFERENCE BILL

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the groundwater study also
3 include an assessment of the effects of seismic exploration.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE STUDY ALSO CONSIDER
5 THE EFFECTS AND OTHER CAUSES OF OIL WELL WATER FLOOD
6 DEPLETION OF THE FOX HILL SANDS AQUIFER.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE MONTANA STATE BUREAU
8 OF MINES COORDINATE ACTIVITIES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
9 LANDS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
10 CONSERVATION.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT FINAL AND INTERIM REPORTS
12 BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE LEGISLATURE.

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