

1 *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *64*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Richard*

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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE
 6 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE
 7 DESIGN POSSIBILITIES WHEN DEVELOPING PLANS FOR HIGHWAY
 8 CONSTRUCTION IN HILLY AND MOUNTAINOUS AREAS OF THE STATE."

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 10 WHEREAS, Montana is a state with an invaluable wealth
 11 of majestic mountain scenery; and

12 WHEREAS, this scenery provides a priceless natural
 13 heritage for ourselves and for future Montanans; and

14 WHEREAS, modern man has developed a technology that
 15 enables him to overcome the barriers to commerce and travel
 16 that these mountains once posed; and

17 WHEREAS, this technology has enabled man to build
 18 efficient and modern highways through mountainous areas; and

19 WHEREAS, this highway construction in Montana has too
 20 often resulted in excessive environmental disruption even
 21 when what have been considered the best available techniques
 22 have been used; and

23 WHEREAS, construction methods have been developed and
 24 perfected and are now in use that provide modern high speed
 25 traffic corridors through hilly and mountainous terrain

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1 without disrupting the lay of the land; and

2 WHEREAS, these construction techniques have not yet
 3 been researched nor applied in the state of Montana; and

4 WHEREAS, among the construction techniques that are
 5 available to Montana and that would be applicable to Montana
 6 engineering problems with the benefit of reduced disruption
 7 of the natural environment are: full structured concrete
 8 bridge techniques and reinforced earth techniques; and

9 WHEREAS, there is a good chance that one or the other
 10 of the above construction techniques could prove to provide
 11 favorable cost/benefit results when considered together with
 12 other techniques.

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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 Department of Highways is urged to consider
 17 construction techniques such as full structure and
 18 reinforced earth techniques when developing design
 19 alternatives for highways constructed in confined valleys
 20 and mountainous terrain in order to minimize the impact on
 21 the total environment in those areas.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department is
 23 requested to report to the Legislature a summary of its
 24 findings regarding the usefulness of such techniques.

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