

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1
 2 INTRODUCED BY ROSELL

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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 COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES TO ASSIGN AN APPROPRIATE STANDING
 7 COMMITTEE TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF MONTANA'S
 8 INSURANCE LAWS TO DETERMINE IF THEY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AN
 9 INDIVIDUAL ON THE BASIS OF SEX AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS
 10 AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

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 12 WHEREAS, Article II, section 4, of the Montana
 13 constitution prohibits discrimination against any person in
 14 the exercise of his civil or political rights on account of
 15 sex, and

16 WHEREAS, during a study of Montana laws to eliminate
 17 sexual discrimination pursuant to HJR 62 (1974) and SJR 68
 18 (1974), the interim subcommittee on judiciary determined
 19 that insurance laws need further study to insure that they
 20 do not unconstitutionally distinguish on the basis of sex,
 21 because insurance laws are complex and governed by national
 22 as well as state policies and organizations.

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

INTRODUCED BILL

1 That the appropriate standing committee designated by
 2 the committee on priorities be requested to undertake a
 3 comprehensive study of the state's insurance laws with
 4 regard to possible sexual discrimination against an
 5 individual in such laws and in actuarial tables used to set
 6 rates from them. The committee shall consult various
 7 industry representatives, the state auditor, and any other
 8 appropriate organizations in its determinations.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all state agencies shall
 10 cooperate fully with the committee in its deliberations.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall report
 12 its findings along with recommendations and remedial
 13 legislation to the Forty-fifth Legislature.

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