

1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6
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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 THE APPROPRIATE STANDING
 7 COMMITTEES TO STUDY ALTERNATIVES TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF
 8 RETAILING LIQUOR AND WINE.

10 WHEREAS, liquor and wine are currently marketed for
 11 off-premise consumption in Montana through state liquor
 12 stores and, at higher prices than in state stores, through
 13 licensed taverns, and

14 WHEREAS, complaints have been heard regarding brands
 15 selection, price markup, and other marketing policies of the
 16 state liquor division, and

17 WHEREAS, a thorough investigation of various marketing
 18 alternatives which would preserve the revenue realized by
 19 the state of Montana from liquor and wine sales might
 20 identify an alternative to the present system which would
 21 answer the various aforementioned complaints.

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

25 That the Committee on Priorities is requested to assign

1 the appropriate standing committees to study alternatives to
 2 the present system of marketing liquor and wine in Montana,
 3 and if they find an alternative to the present system which
 4 better serves the consumer without a significant loss of
 5 state revenue, to draft legislation to implement such
 6 alternative.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council
 8 and the Legislative Auditor shall furnish staff assistance
 9 to the assigned committees,

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assigned committees
 11 report their findings and recommendations to the first
 12 session of the Forty-fifth Legislature.

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