

1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19  
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO ESTABLISH A JOINT  
 6 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC DOMAIN TO STRENGTHEN  
 7 COORDINATION BETWEEN THE LEGISLATIVE AND THE EXECUTIVE  
 8 BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC.

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 10 WHEREAS, there is increasing need for joint or  
 11 coordinated federal, state, and county programs and funding  
 12 concerning public domain and natural resources therein; and

13 WHEREAS, these programs involve conservation practices,  
 14 correction of insect infestation, mineral and water rights,  
 15 revenue generation, and other areas; and

16 WHEREAS, these programs and areas dictate the need for  
 17 a central source of expertise in the legislature for  
 18 research, deliberation, and legislation in the public  
 19 interest; and

20 WHEREAS, there is increasing federal interest in public  
 21 domain and natural resources within the state of Montana.

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

25 That a joint legislative committee on public domain be

1 established to strengthen coordination between the  
 2 legislative and the executive branches of state government  
 3 and the public.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the joint legislative  
 5 committee on public domain shall consist of a chairman from  
 6 the senate and four (4) other members and that the other  
 7 members shall be two (2) from each house, with one (1)  
 8 member being of the minority party in each house.

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