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Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 129
INTRODUCED BY Rosell LEE *Walter Blaylock*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE STANDING COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN MONTANA AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THESE PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, more and more people are seeking careers in the various skilled crafts, and

WHEREAS, skilled craftsmen are vital to our industry, and

WHEREAS, statistics demonstrate that nearly one out of every two persons employed within industry is either a fully trained skilled craftsman or a semi-skilled worker, and

WHEREAS, the need for a continuous program of recruitment to meet the need for skilled craftsmen is apparent, and

WHEREAS, persons who seek careers in the skilled crafts must enter an apprenticeship program after completing formal training, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for young people seeking careers in the skilled crafts are limited because apprenticeship programs in Montana are very restricted.

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

That the Committee on Priorities direct the appropriate standing committee to study and investigate the apprenticeship programs in Montana, their structure, content, availability, and any other relevant aspects of the various crafts and the courses of study toward promoting more availability and opportunities for people in the various crafts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee solicit as much input as possible from private industry and labor in the course of its study, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee may request, and shall then receive, the services of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Auditor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report its findings and any recommendations to the Forty-fifth Legislature.

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