

1 H JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22
 2 INTRODUCED BY Don By request Mont water subcommittee
 3 REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT OF
 4 NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
 8 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION TO DISCUSS
 9 WITH THE STATE OF WYOMING THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT STUDIES
 10 OF WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN THE TONGUE AND POWDER RIVER
 11 BASINS, TO INVESTIGATE WATER MARKETING POSSIBILITIES IN
 12 THOSE BASINS AND TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL STUDY ON WATER QUALITY
 13 AND SALINE SEEP POTENTIAL AS A RESULT OF INCREASED STORAGE
 14 AND IRRIGATION IN THE TWO RIVER BASINS, AND, SHOULD IT BE
 15 DETERMINED THAT THE PROJECTS BE BENEFICIAL TO MONTANA, TO
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 17 PROJECT(S).

19 WHEREAS, water availability is a problem in the Tongue
 20 and Powder River basins with periodic shortages existing
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 23 and agricultural sectors for firm water supplies exceed the
 24 available supply in those basins; and

25 WHEREAS, the waters of the Tongue and Powder Rivers

1 have been allocated between Montana and Wyoming according to
 2 a formula set forth in the Yellowstone River Compact.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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 9 on the possibility of initiating joint studies on proposals
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 15 saline seep potential in those basins, on the effects of
 16 increased storage and irrigation on those factors, and on
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 18 foregoing indicate compatibility, desirability, and need for
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Approved by Committee
on Judiciary

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