

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47
 2 INTRODUCED BY Julie Waldron MULAR
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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE
 6 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
 7 TO INVESTIGATE METHODS OF PUTTING MORE UNEMPLOYED MONTANANS
 8 TO WORK IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF OUR AGRICULTURAL AND
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 579-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 17, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Joint Resolution 47 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A resolution urging the Governor's Office and the Department of Labor and Industry to investigate methods of putting more unemployed Montanans to work improving the condition of our agricultural and forestland resources.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

Richard A. Drayton

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-23-77

Approved by Committee
on Labor & Employment
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