

1 ~~House~~ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57
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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING INCREASED
 6 FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY, MULTIPLE-YEAR FUNDING, AND EFFICIENCY
 7 IN STATE AND FEDERALLY FUNDED INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
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9 WHEREAS, the use which has been made of federal and
 10 state funds appropriated for Indian education programs has
 11 not always been known to and evaluated by the community of
 12 people supposedly served, by the administrators within the
 13 state and federal agencies responsible for that service, and
 14 ultimately, by the state Legislature and the Congress of the
 15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the effectiveness of Indian education programs
 17 in achieving educational goals has not been evaluated or
 18 measured; and

19 WHEREAS, administrators in schools with large numbers
 20 of Indian children enrolled cannot plan programs with any
 21 security because state and federal funding policy requires
 22 annual renewal; and

23 WHEREAS, state and federal agencies send notices and
 24 new rules regarding Indian education too late and in a form
 25 difficult to understand.

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

4 (1) That the use that is made of federal and state
 5 funds appropriated for Indian education programs be
 6 documented and evaluated.

7 (2) That strict fiscal accountability of Indian
 8 education programs be demanded.

9 (3) That Indian education programs be measured and
 10 evaluated to determine their effectiveness in achieving
 11 educational goals.

12 (4) That funds be appropriated for a period of 3 years
 13 to allow schools enrolling Indian children to plan with more
 14 security.

15 (5) That the state and federal governments mail
 16 notifications and new rules, written in a clear fashion, 3
 17 months in advance of deadlines.

18 (6) That the state and federal governments advance
 19 funds to schools before the start of new programs to allow
 20 them to hire appropriate personnel to initiate the program.

21 (7) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the
 22 President of the United States, to Senator Lee Metcalf,
 23 Senator John Melcher, Representative Max Baucus,
 24 Representative Ron Marlenee, and the Secretary of Health,
 25 Education, and Welfare and to the Commissioner of Indian

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