

1 *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *68* *J. Hixon*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *House Committee on Fish & Game*
 3 *Stapleton, Chairman, Trippe, Courtney, Conroy, Manuel, Johnson, A. Bath, [unclear]*
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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE *Ellis*
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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
Senate Committee on Fish & Game

That House Joint Resolution No. 68 be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 7.

Following: "bear"

Insert: "on a state level"

2. Amend page 2, line 10.

Following: "of"

Insert: "critical"

3. Amend page 2, lines 11 and 12.

Following: "to"

Strike: "those areas presently set aside for wilderness,"

4. Amend page 2, line 12.

Following: "Park"

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