

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71
 2 INTRODUCTION BY NATHAN

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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE
 6 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES TO CONDUCT A
 7 STUDY ON THE REGULATION OF SOLUTION MINING OF POTASH AND TO
 8 PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND LEGISLATION FOR SUCH REGULATION
 9 TO THE 46TH LEGISLATURE.

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16 WHEREAS, there is presently no clear authority within
 17 state government for the regulation of the solution mining
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 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 21 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

22 (1) That the Department of Health and Environmental
 23 Sciences is directed to undertake a study of the regulation
 24 of the solution mining of potash to determine the proper
 25 regulating authority and standards for such regulation.

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1 (2) That the Department of Health and Environmental
 2 Sciences shall coordinate its study with the Department of
 3 Natural Resources and Conservation, Department of State
 4 Lands, and the Environmental Quality Council and solicit
 5 information from these agencies and from the industry.
 6 (3) That the Department shall submit its study,
 7 together with recommendations and necessary legislation, to
 8 the 46th Legislature.
 9 (4) That copies of this resolution be sent to the
 10 agencies enumerated above.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 596-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 24, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Joint Resolution 71 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 directing the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences to conduct a study on the regulation of solution mining of potash and to present recommendations and legislation for such regulation to the 46th legislature.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The study would be financed one-half with state General Funds and one-half federal funds.
2. The study would be prepared under contract by a private firm.
3. The contract would include preparation of legislation to be presented to the 46th legislature.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Operating expenses	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>

Richard L. Fran
 BUDGET DIRECTOR
 Office of Budget and Program Planning
 Date: 2-25-77

Approved by Committee
on Natural Resources

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SECOND READING

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April 4, 1977

SENATE
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
Natural Resources Committee

That House Joint Resolution No. 71, third reading, be amended as follows.

1. Amend title, line 6.

Following: line 5

Strike: "DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES"

Insert: "BUREAU OF MINES"

2. Amend page 1, lines 23 and 24.

Following: "the"

Strike: "Department of Health and Environmental Sciences"

Insert: "Bureau of Mines"

3. Amend page 2, lines 2 and 3.

Following: "the"

Strike: "Department of Health and Environmental Sciences"

Insert: "Bureau of Mines"

4. Amend page 2, line 5.

Following: "~~Council~~"

Strike: "BUREAU OF MINES"

Insert: "Department of Health and Environmental Sciences"

5. Amend page 2, line 8.

Following: "the"

Strike: "Department"

Insert: "Bureau of Mines"

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REFERENCE BILL