

1                    *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *75*  
 2    INTRODUCED BY *Natural Resources Comm*

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April 4, 1977

SENATE  
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT  
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That House Joint Resolution No. 75, third reading, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 3, line 5.

Following: "(1)"

Strike: "develop"

Insert: "utilize multidisciplinary approaches in"

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