

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 102

2 INTRODUCED BY W. BAETH

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE  
6 HONORABLE TOM JUDGE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, AND  
7 THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO MAINTAIN  
8 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN MONTANA AND ESPECIALLY THE SMALLER  
9 INDEPENDENT BUS OPERATIONS.

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11 WHEREAS, insurance as well as other inflation costs  
12 have driven several small bus operators out of business in  
13 Montana; and

14 WHEREAS, the small population and a large geographical  
15 area of the State of Montana results in many miles to travel  
16 and makes the cost of operating a bus much higher per person  
17 than the more populated areas; and

18 WHEREAS, several smaller bus operations are going to  
19 have to quit serving their respective areas very soon if  
20 some type of relief is not forthcoming; and

21 WHEREAS, many people and especially senior citizens  
22 have no other mode of transportation than bus service; and

23 WHEREAS, increased fares and express rates would result  
24 in lower public utilization and would further weaken the  
25 revenue base of the carriers and, in fact, would be

1 self-defeating.

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

5 That the executive branch investigate all possibilities  
6 of assistance such as subsidies, lower insurance rates,  
7 lifting of the tax on fuel for small bus operators or any  
8 manner of relief for this hard pressed vital link of our  
9 transportation system in Montana.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State  
11 send copies of this resolution to Honorable Thomas L. Judge,  
12 Governor of the State of Montana, E. V. "Sonny" Omholt,  
13 Commissioner of Insurance, and members of the Montana  
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