

House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *104*

INTRODUCED BY ~~FACE~~ *Paul*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES TO ASSIGN A STUDY OF THE CONCEPTS OF LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT RAISED IN HB 796 IN ADDITION TO THE STUDY REQUESTED IN HJR 85.

WHEREAS, HB 796 was introduced with broad support with a goal of enabling the Legislature to develop a greater capacity to oversee state government operations and to develop policy; and

WHEREAS, much concern arose in floor debate on HB 796 that surrounded the question of whether much of what the bill proposed to do would be more appropriately accomplished by rules changes; and

WHEREAS, HJR 85, which calls for a study of economy and reform measures relating to budgeting and spending, has been adopted by both houses; and

WHEREAS, changes in the rules of procedure needed to implement the concepts incorporated in HB 796 could be developed by an interim study committee and should be coordinated with the rules changes needed to implement recommendations made under HJR 85.

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

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Approved by Comm.
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