

Senate
 JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7
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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 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION
 7 TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING AN
 8 INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR IN-STATE RENEWABLE RESOURCE RESEARCH
 9 EFFORTS AND EXPLORING METHODS OF IMPLEMENTING NEW RESEARCH
 10 NEEDS.

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 12 WHEREAS, population and economic growth will cause
 13 increasing demands for output from Montana's agricultural
 14 and forest land resources; and

15 WHEREAS, increasing demands for these outputs is
 16 increasingly likely to cause conflict over use and
 17 allocation of these land resources; and

18 WHEREAS, increasing conflicts over use of these lands
 19 will require a more professional understanding of the
 20 compatibilities among land uses; and

21 WHEREAS, evidence indicates that the ability of our
 22 land resources to sustain the production of high quality
 23 renewable outputs is in doubt; and

24 WHEREAS, substantial amounts of funding are currently
 25 being devoted to renewable resource research projects in the

1 University System, state agencies, and federal agencies;
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3 WHEREAS, there is a lack of ability to easily
 4 comprehend the emphasis and magnitude of these research
 5 efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, Montana's richness in renewable and
 7 nonrenewable resources creates an opportunity for our public
 8 and private institutions to undertake a concerted long-range
 9 resource research program designed to address critical
 10 renewable resource research needs.

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

14 That the Governor's Office and the Commissioner of
 15 Higher Education are requested to organize a committee to
 16 develop and establish an information system for in-state
 17 resource research efforts and explore jointly with the
 18 Environmental Quality Council methods of implementing new
 19 research priorities, including those mentioned in the
 20 Environmental Quality Council's Fifth Annual Report.

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