

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20
 2 INTRODUCED BY ROBERTS, MANLEY
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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THAT THE
 6 REREGULATING DAM ON THE KOOTENAI RIVER BE DESIGNED AND BUILT
 7 TO REGULATE RIVER FLOWS.

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 9 WHEREAS, the reregulating dam below Libby Dam was
 10 designed primarily to regulate down-stream flows to enhance
 11 the fishery and recreational use of the Kootenai River; and

12 WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has designed
 13 power generation into the reregulating dam at the expense of
 14 increased river fluctuations or at best, the present
 15 criteria; and

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 18 were set arbitrarily and without adequate public input; and

19 WHEREAS, these fluctuations are sufficiently high to
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 21 river.

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 23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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25 That the reregulating dam be designed and built to

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 2 recreational use and that the maximum allowable fluctuation
 3 be limited to less than three feet per day.

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