

1 House BILL NO. 694  
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DIRECTING THE GOVERNOR  
 5 TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO COORDINATE THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
 6 AND ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONS OF STATE GOVERNMENT; TO DEVELOP  
 7 A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND TO SUBMIT THAT PLAN  
 8 TOGETHER WITH IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION TO THE FORTY-FIFTH  
 9 LEGISLATURE."

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 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 Section 1. Purpose. It is the purpose of the  
 13 legislature to promote the reorganization of transportation  
 14 planning and administrative functions of state government so  
 15 as to establish a structure that is designed specifically to  
 16 engage in intermodal transportation planning and  
 17 administration. The development and protection of  
 18 transportation for citizens and their property and products  
 19 has always been a chief function of government. Modern life  
 20 requires that government assure that the best means of  
 21 transportation for people, property, and products be  
 22 available now and in the future. While the legislature  
 23 recognizes that highway transportation will remain the best  
 24 and most common means of transportation in the near future,  
 25 it also recognizes that there is no structure in state

1 government that now provides or that could provide the kind  
 2 of integrated intermodal transportation planning the state  
 3 requires.

4 Section 2. Governor to develop plan for department of  
 5 transportation. The governor shall develop a plan for a  
 6 department of transportation that encompasses within one (1)  
 7 department all planning and administrative functions for  
 8 transportation now spread through numerous departments of  
 9 state government. The plan shall provide for a department  
 10 whose responsibilities include the development of integrated  
 11 transportation plans at the highest levels of the department  
 12 and provide implementation of the plan in specific modes of  
 13 transportation at lower departmental levels. The plan  
 14 together with implementing legislation shall be submitted to  
 15 the forty-fifth legislature for its consideration.

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