

1 <sup>H</sup> BILL NO. 511  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Lynne Harner  
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING \$45,000  
 6 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE COMMISSION CREATED BY THIS ACT  
 7 FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 1979, FOR CONDUCTING A  
 8 STUDY ON METHODS OF CURTAILING GROWTH IN STATE GOVERNMENTAL  
 9 EXPENDITURES."

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 11 WHEREAS, the problem of constraining growth of state  
 12 government is a mutual concern of both the executive and  
 13 legislative branches of government; and

14 WHEREAS, research and drafting of legislation providing  
 15 for methods of limiting expansion of state governmental  
 16 activities should be accomplished only after careful and  
 17 considered reflection prior to its presentation for  
 18 adoption.

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

21 Section 1. Commission on growth in state governmental  
 22 expenditures. (1) As authorized by Article VI, section 7, of  
 23 the Montana constitution, there is created a temporary  
 24 commission to be known as the commission on growth in state  
 25 governmental expenditures.

1 (2) The commission shall be comprised of members  
 2 appointed by the governor to serve at his pleasure and  
 3 selected on the following basis:

4 (a) a bipartisan delegation from the legislature  
 5 composed of four members of the senate and four members of  
 6 the house of representatives;

7 (b) not more than two members to be chosen from  
 8 outside of state government; and

9 (c) additional persons from the executive branch of  
 10 state government.

11 (3) The governor shall appoint the chairman of the  
 12 commission; the commission members may elect a  
 13 vice-chairman, secretary, and other necessary officers from  
 14 among their members.

15 Section 2. Meetings. (1) The chairman shall schedule  
 16 eight meetings of the commission.

17 (2) Members of the commission are entitled to  
 18 compensation of \$40 a day and to reimbursement for actual  
 19 and necessary expenses while on commission business.

20 Section 3. Study. The commission shall make a detailed  
 21 study leading to draft legislation providing for a method of  
 22 curtailing growth in state governmental expenditures.

23 Section 4. Report. A written report with  
 24 recommendations regarding draft legislation shall be made  
 25 available to the governor and the members of the legislature

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1 no later than December 1, 1978.

2 Section 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated  
3 \$45,000 from the general fund to the commission for the  
4 biennium ending June 30, 1979, for conducting the study and  
5 preparing the report authorized by this act.

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