

1 *House* BILL NO. *821*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Helveston*  
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 5 TO FUND A MONTANA TAX TASK FORCE STUDY OF MONTANA FISCAL  
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 22 local government, business, and organized labor;

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 24 economic and business research appointed by the speaker of  
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