

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

IN THE SENATE

January 16, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
January 26, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do pass.
January 27, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
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INTRODUCED BY ~~Roth~~ ~~Johnson~~ ~~Seibert~~ ~~Conroy~~
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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES TO APPOINT A JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY OF STATE AGENCIES.

WHEREAS, there has not been a detailed and thorough study of the executive branch of state government since 1970 when the Montana Commission on Executive Reorganization submitted its final report; and

WHEREAS, under current law, only a relatively insignificant number of state agencies created prior to January 1, 1977, are subject to a system of evaluation, commonly known as "sunset legislation"; and

WHEREAS, state government actions have produced a substantial increase in numbers of agencies and departments and growth of programs since 1970; and

WHEREAS, this growth often results in the creation of new programs which perform functions closely related to work already being done by an existing agency; and

WHEREAS, although the Executive Reorganization Study of 1970 was relatively effective, there still exists a need for regrouping functions according to basic similarities and

relationships; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Montana are denied the benefit of their tax dollars because of the inefficiency, waste, and duplication that still exist in Montana's state agencies.

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

That the Legislative Committee on Priorities is requested to appoint a joint committee to conduct an interim study of the structure of Montana's state agencies with special emphasis on the effectiveness of programs created after 1970 and to determine if duplicative functions exist within the agencies. The committee shall use the recommendations of the executive reorganization report as a starting point and shall evaluate the feasibility of implementing at the present time the recommendations which were not implemented at that time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee propose changes in the present structure of state agencies that would promote efficiency and effectiveness in state government. The committee's study shall be guided by the principle that the taxpayers of Montana are entitled to responsive, responsible service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report its findings and recommendations with appropriate implementing

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