

Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

INTRODUCED BY *M. Ballan*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING ASSIGNMENT OF A STUDY OF PROBLEMS OF STATE COMPENSATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR STATE-OWNED PROPERTY AND TO BEGIN TO IDENTIFY STATE MANDATES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the problems associated with the provision of various services by local government that benefit state-owned property has concerned local government officials over the years; and

WHEREAS, similarly the Legislature and local governments have grappled with the problem of state services mandates to local government; and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures is sponsoring a State/Local Finance Project designed to assist state legislatures to deal with such questions; and

WHEREAS, should a study committee be assigned to deal with these questions, both financial and technical assistance could be available through the National Conference of State Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, model legislation is available from which to begin considering a legislative approach to these problems

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

(1) That an interim committee be assigned to study the problems related to state compensation for state-owned property and state mandates to local government.

(2) That the committee shall undertake the following major tasks:

(a) determine a specific outline and time frame for the project;

(b) select a representative area to sample for a state-owned property inventory;

(c) develop a method for identifying and cataloging state mandates;

(d) identify specific areas where technical assistance from the NCSL project and in-house staff can work together;

(e) conduct three meetings to outline the project, consider preliminary results, and formulate final recommendations.

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