

House Joint Resolution 38

In The House

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Introduced and referred
to Committee on Appropriations.

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Committee recommend bill
do not pass.

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 5 JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
 7 LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY TO
 8 EXPLORE THE ADVANTAGES OF CHANGING THE STATE'S FISCAL YEAR
 9 TO COINCIDE WITH THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR. *Mark*

10 WHEREAS, agencies that rely in part on the receipt of
 11 federal funds to administer assigned programs may suffer
 12 from budgeting problems and uncertainties due to the
 13 mismatch of state and federal fiscal years; and

14 WHEREAS, such agencies are required to close their
 15 books at the end of both the state and federal fiscal year,
 16 which may be an unnecessary additional administrative
 17 burden; and

18 WHEREAS, if the fiscal year should be changed to
 19 coincide with the federal fiscal year, careful planning
 20 would be required.

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

24 (1) That the Legislative Finance Committee is requested
 25 to conduct an interim study to explore the advantages of

1 changing the state's fiscal year to coincide with the
 2 federal fiscal year.

3 (2) That, if the Committee determines that the
 4 advantages outweigh the disadvantages of making such a
 5 change, the Committee submit its recommendation to the 48th
 6 Legislature, together with an implementation schedule that
 7 will account for the 3-month difference in fiscal years and
 8 that will account for seasonal variations in agency spending
 9 patterns to provide for a smooth transition between fiscal
 10 years.

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