

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

INTRODUCED BY BERTELSEN

IN THE HOUSE

March 10, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
April 3, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
April 4, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
April 7, 1981	Motion pass consideration.
April 9, 1981	Second reading, do pass. On motion rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day. Third reading, passed. Ayes, 85; Noes, 8. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 10, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
April 13, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
April 15, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
April 16, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 35; Noes, 15.

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April 17, 1981	Returned from Senate. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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Approved by Committee
on Natural Resources

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WHEREAS, ever-increasing numbers of administrative rules have been adopted by most executive agencies; and

WHEREAS, those agencies with administrative and regulatory duties relating to the natural environment and natural resources have been among the agencies adopting a proliferation of administrative rules; and

WHEREAS, the wise use and regulation of the state's environment and natural resources are important priorities to the Legislature; and

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

That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to study the procedures and methods that might be used to terminate or replace, or both, the rules that, in the judgment of the committee, affect the environment and natural resources of this state. In conducting the study, the committee shall review any laws adopted by other states, and the administration of those laws, providing for "sunset" termination of agency regulations and estimate the potential costs and benefits to this state of adopting laws requiring "sunset" termination of rules affecting the environment and natural resources of this state.

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