

House Joint Resolution 60

In The House

March 28, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
April 3, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass.
April 4, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
April 7, 1981	Motion pass consideration.
April 9, 1981	Second reading do pass as amended.
	On motion rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day.
	Third reading passed.

In The Senate

April 10, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
April 23, 1981	Died in Committee.

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2 INTRODUCED BY *Andrew A. Paul, Bartelme Switzer, Nelson*

3 *Andriason, Harold Walden, Vincent M. Hoff, Bob*

4 *Agger, Yntselmann, Urdahl, L. Utter, Eugene F. Aaga, Larson*

5 *Nicoloff, Mark Kennerly, McCumber, Mendenhall*

6 INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY OF POSSIBLE RESOLUTIONS TO THE

7 PROBLEMS OF LARGE URBAN AREAS WITHOUT INFRINGING ON RURAL

8 INTERESTS.

10 WHEREAS, large urban centers in Montana are a

11 demographic phenomenon in which political, environmental,

12 and economic problems arise because of high density

13 populations contiguous to equally high density rural

14 populations; and

15 WHEREAS, the problems inherent in these areas,

16 particularly as they grow larger, become more complex and

17 complexly interrelated; and

18 WHEREAS, high density population areas are a relatively

19 new demographic phenomenon in Montana and state law has not

20 always adequately responded to the problems inherent in

21 these areas, often at the expense of rural and urban

22 interests alike; and

23 WHEREAS, the 1972 Montana Constitution mandates that

24 local government powers be liberally construed, in

25 recognition of the principle that government which is

1 closest to the people tends to govern best; and

2 WHEREAS, all attempts to comprehensively implement the

3 constitutional mandate regarding local government powers

4 have failed to be enacted into state law by previous

5 Legislatures; and

6 WHEREAS, rural Montanans rightfully must be protected

7 from present or expanded taxing and regulatory prerogatives

8 of urban governmental forms, but this protection need not

9 occur at the expense of large urban areas' ability to

10 adequately govern themselves; and

11 WHEREAS, there remains insufficient mutual

12 understanding between rural and urban legislators and their

13 constituents as to how the interests of each might be more

14 fruitfully developed by acts of the Legislature, a problem

15 that magnifies particularly in the context of the growing

16 needs of urban governments for flexibility and reasonable

17 autonomy.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE

20 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

21 That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to

22 study possible resolutions to the problems of large urban

23 centers in Montana and the misunderstandings between the

24 urban and rural peoples of the state.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of such

-2- INTRODUCED BILL
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1 committee equally represent the rural and urban interests
2 herein described.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee make its
4 recommendations to the 48th Legislature.

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Approved by Comm.
on Local Government

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1 INTRODUCTION BY *Agnew, Kelly, Bertelsen, Switzer, Nelson*
 2 *Anderson, Hamer, Walden, Vinson, Maffett, Ditz*
 3 *Byler, Kiskelmon, Muelke, D. L. Han, Egan, Fife, Jansen*
 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN
 6 INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY OF POSSIBLE RESOLUTIONS TO THE
 7 PROBLEMS OF LARGE URBAN AREAS WITHOUT INFRINGING ON RURAL
 8 INTERESTS. *Mark, Hays, Galt, J. J.*

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3 NILSON, DOZIER, ANDREASON, HANNAH, WALDRON, VINGER,
4 MATSKO, KEYSER, KITSELMAN, WINSLOW, D. O'HARA, COZZENS,
5 FAGG, IVERSON, METCALF, HART, KENNERLY, HUENNEKENS,
6 MENAHAN, MARKS, HARPER, ZABROCKI, SHONTZ

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