

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

IN THE HOUSE

February 15, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 19, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 21, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 22, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
February 23, 1983	Considered correctly engrossed.
	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

March 1, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 10, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurrent in. Report adopted.
March 11, 1983	Second reading, concurrent in.
March 14, 1983	Third reading, concurrent in. Ayes, 48; Noes, 1.

IN THE HOUSE

March 14, 1983

Returned to House.

March 15, 1983

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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2 INTRODUCED BY *Bergene* *Senat* *Thomas Ramirez*
3 *Ally* BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE *Jarris*
4 *Frank Alarke* *Nadit* *J. Brown* *Tennally* *Endaily*
5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE
7 DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS.

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9 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Montana
10 states that laws for the punishment of crime shall be
11 founded on the principle of prevention and reformation; and

12 WHEREAS, a correctional program should be the least
13 restrictive measure consistent with the needs of the
14 offender and the safety of the public; and

15 WHEREAS, the public is protected by a correctional
16 system characterized by concern, diversified programs for
17 individuals, and reintegration concepts as well as punitive
18 measures; and

19 WHEREAS, a prerelease center, which is a
20 community-based residential facility for selected inmates
21 who are nearing parole or discharge, is a placement
22 alternative that is of value both to society as a whole and
23 to the individuals involved because the centers provide
24 those individuals with opportunities to obtain or engage in
25 work experience, life skills training, educational pursuits,

1 and other legitimate community activities that are not
2 available in a correctional institution; and

3 WHEREAS, community corrections programs are desirable
4 for reasons of economy and humanity, and the State
5 supervises approximately 2,434 probationers and parolees in
6 the community at the present time; and

7 WHEREAS, Montana State Prison is currently the sole
8 residential sentencing alternative available to the courts
9 for male inmates; and

10 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes its responsibility
11 to provide opportunities for the rehabilitation,
12 reformation, and training of inmates in order to reduce
13 recidivism and release prisoners as productive members of
14 society.

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

18 That the Department of Institutions is urged to
19 aggressively promote the further development of
20 community-based corrections and prerelease centers.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that local governments are
22 urged to cooperate in facilitating the development of
23 community-based corrections and that any prerelease center
24 be zoned as if it were a residential facility and not an
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