

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

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2/15 Referred to Business & Labor
3/07 Hearing
3/08 Committee Report-Bill Do Pass
3/09 2nd Reading Do Not Pass
3/09 Resolution Killed

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN
 6 INTERIM STUDY TO EXAMINE AND IDENTIFY ACTIVITIES OF STATE
 7 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT MAY BE IN COMPETITION WITH THE
 8 PRIVATE SECTOR AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS AND
 9 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY TO THE 50TH LEGISLATURE.

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 11 WHEREAS, a strong and viable economy characterized by
 12 stability, diversity, and growth is a primary goal of the
 13 State of Montana; and

14 WHEREAS, many instances exist of government competition
 15 with private enterprise in retailing, printing,
 16 manufacturing, servicing, and many other commercial
 17 activities; and

18 WHEREAS, private sector contracting and purchasing
 19 would broaden the state's tax base through the collection of
 20 licensing fees and general excise and income taxes; and

21 WHEREAS, given the current economic lag in the business
 22 community, private enterprise would benefit by receiving
 23 government contracts and by greater merchandising of
 24 products and services in the absence of government
 25 competition; and

1 WHEREAS, a thriving small business community is an
 2 important cornerstone for a healthy and stable economy in
 3 Montana; and

4 WHEREAS, the Legislature should assume a more active
 5 role in assessing the cost-effectiveness and benefits of
 6 contracting with the private sector for needs and services;
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8 WHEREAS, private sector contracting, when it is
 9 cost-effective, will not have the effect of terminating the
 10 employment of any civil servant.

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

14 (1) That an appropriate interim committee be assigned
 15 to study state and local governmental activities that may be
 16 in competition with the private sector in the State of
 17 Montana.

18 (2) That the committee include in its study
 19 consideration of at least the following:

- 20 (a) county and municipal printing practices;
 21 (b) the conduct of state printing and publication;
 22 (c) the activities of industries established in the
 23 state institutions that result in the production or
 24 manufacture of products and the rendering of services
 25 required by any department or agency of the state or

1 political subdivision thereof;

2 (d) procurement policies and practices of state and
3 local governments that may deny private enterprise an
4 opportunity to bid or provide the material or service needs
5 of the state or local government; and

6 (e) state purchasing policy that allows the Department
7 of Administration to sell to or acquire supplies from other
8 state agencies or public bodies independent of the
9 requirements of the Montana Procurement Act.

10 (3) That the committee submit to the 50th Legislature
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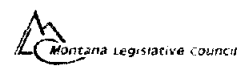
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