

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

3/26 Introduced
3/26 Referred to Natural Resources
4/19 Hearing
4/20 Adverse Committee Report
4/22 Resolution Killed

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 2 INTRODUCED BY Bondancurel
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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 5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN
 7 INTERIM STUDY TO EXAMINE THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL PROGRAMS
 8 TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING IMPACTS RELATED TO
 9 NONRENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT.

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 11 WHEREAS, current state programs for assisting
 12 communities impacted by nonrenewable resource development
 13 are organized around separate boards for each different kind
 14 of natural resource development activity; and

15 WHEREAS, the current programs do not address the broad
 16 range of natural resource development issues that exist in
 17 Montana; and

18 WHEREAS, proposals before the 49th Legislature would
 19 significantly reduce or eliminate funding for the Coal
 20 Board; and

21 WHEREAS, a consolidated nonrenewable resource impact
 22 program would more efficiently utilize staff and provide a
 23 uniform, coordinated, and rational statewide system for
 24 assisting developers and communities in dealing with
 25 resource development impacts.

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

4 (1) That an appropriate interim committee be assigned
 5 to study the consolidation of programs to assist communities
 6 with nonrenewable resource impacts.

7 (2) That the committee include in its study a review
 8 of:

9 (a) the effectiveness of current nonrenewable resource
 10 impact mitigation programs;

11 (b) adverse impacts suffered by Montana communities as
 12 a result of nonrenewable resource development; and

13 (c) the financial resources available to communities
 14 that have been or may be impacted by development.

15 (3) That the committee submit to the 50th Legislature
 16 a report of its findings and recommendations for
 17 legislation.

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