

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

INTRODUCED BY WINSLOW, BRADLEY

IN THE HOUSE

April 9, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
April 10, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.  Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
April 11, 1985	Second reading, do pass.
April 12, 1985	Considered correctly engrossed.
April 13, 1985	Third reading, passed.  Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 15, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.
April 17, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurrent in as amended. Report adopted.
April 18, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
April 19, 1985	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 47; Noes, 3.  Returned to House with amendments.

IN THE HOUSE

April 19, 1985

Received from Senate.

April 20, 1985

Second reading, amendments  
concurrent in.

April 22, 1985

Third reading, amendments  
concurrent in.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
ON APPROPRIATIONS

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5        REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN  
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7        ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FOR  
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11        Montana have ceased operations, thus leaving citizens  
12        without jobs; and

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14        citizens and a 7% to 8% unemployment rate has become  
15        commonplace; and

16        WHEREAS, many of the unemployed have had to use the  
17        state general assistance programs, thus increasing caseloads  
18        and creating a crisis in funding for the Department of  
19        Social and Rehabilitation Services; and

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21        increases, unemployment becomes a greater problem because it  
22        is especially difficult for older persons to find  
23        employment; and

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15        WHEREAS, the problem of skyrocketing costs of state  
16        public assistance is, to a great extent, a problem of lack  
17        of jobs.

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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 study committee be assigned  
22        to:

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24        its Build Montana program, can develop economic growth in  
25        such a manner as to directly create jobs for the long-term



1 unemployed in Montana;

2 (2) examine how the Department of Labor can target  
3 public assistance recipients, and those not eligible for  
4 public assistance because of nonincome restrictions, for job  
5 training through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA),  
6 the Work Incentive program (WIN), programs for displaced  
7 homemakers and dislocated workers, and other available  
8 sources;

9 (3) examine how the current general assistance  
10 workfare programs administered by the Department of Social  
11 and Rehabilitation Services and local governments can be  
12 used as an avenue toward permanent jobs in the private or  
13 public sector;

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15 projects could be employment sources for those Montanans who  
16 might otherwise receive public assistance and job training;

17 (5) receive testimony and information from pertinent  
18 state agencies, local government agencies, community human  
19 services groups, low-income groups, business and taxpayer  
20 groups, and all other interested parties; and

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22 increase the effectiveness of Montana programs for all  
23 unemployed persons.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report the  
25 findings and recommendations of the study to the 50th

1 Legislature and, if necessary, draft legislation to  
2 implement the recommendations.

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WHEREAS, many of the unemployed have had to use the state general assistance programs, thus increasing caseloads and creating a crisis in funding for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services; and

WHEREAS, as the average age of Montana citizens increases, unemployment becomes a greater problem because it is especially difficult for older persons to find employment; and

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necessary skills to secure employment; and

WHEREAS, the Build Montana program in the Department of Commerce has the mandate to promote economic development in this state, but has not to date impacted the basic unemployment problem; and

WHEREAS, several state agencies, such as the Department of State Lands, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, and the Department of Highways have projects that could provide job training and jobs for participants while successfully completing the agencies' projects; and

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# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

## SENATE

April 16..... 19 85...

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

having had under consideration HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 54

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INTERIM STUDY OF COORDINATION OF JOB TRAINING AND WORK PROGRAMS

(Senator Lynch will carry the bill)

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 54

be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, line 13.

Following: "unemployed"

Strike: "but"

Insert: "and"

Following: "is"

Strike: "little coordination of efforts"

Insert: "an increased need for coordination of efforts because of steadily decreasing resources"

AND AS AMENDED

BE CONCURRED IN

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SENATOR J. D. LYNCH Chairman.

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