

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

4/17 Introduced
4/18 Referred to Taxation
4/20 Hearing
4/20 Committee Report-Bill Do pass
4/22 2nd Reading Pass
4/22 On Motion Rules Suspended
 Placed on 3rd Reading This Day
4/22 3rd Reading Do Not Pass
4/22 Resolution Killed

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INTRODUCED BY *Sen. Newman*
Sen. Schick
Sen. Mequist

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE VALUATION OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTIES IN THE STATE OF MONTANA.

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that property taxation is a vital element of Montana's taxation system and is especially important to Montana's local governments; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of the property tax base is comprised of those properties generally known as "centrally assessed properties", of which many are appraised using the unitary valuation method; and

WHEREAS, there has been concern over the calculation and reporting of centrally assessed valuations; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is critically concerned with the appraisal and valuation of centrally assessed properties; and

WHEREAS, nearly all experts recognize the need for a floor or salvage value under which the unitary value should never be allowed to fall; and

WHEREAS, the Revenue Oversight Committee, while conducting a study of Montana's property tax classification

system as requested by the 48th Legislature in House Joint Resolution 31, became aware of many nuances and peculiarities in the valuation of several types of centrally assessed properties; and

WHEREAS, the use of certain factors in the three-pronged formula used in the unitary valuation method and the relative weight given to each factor can produce an enormous difference in values that raises substantial questions in equating the fairness of evaluating centrally assessed properties as opposed to the evaluation of all other properties; and

WHEREAS, the entire system of property taxation is conceptually and pragmatically founded in the proper and full valuation of all properties.

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

(1) That the Revenue Oversight Committee is requested to further study the issue of the valuation of centrally assessed properties in an effort to assure full and proper valuation.

(2) That the committee report its findings and recommendations, accompanied by any proposed legislation, to the 50th Legislature.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON TAXATION

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