

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50
 2 INTRODUCED BY K. Pearson Delroy Hamilton
 3 Bob Mercer Nelson Edhaily
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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN
 6 INTERIM STUDY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL
 7 AND STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION MANDATES, SERVICES, COSTS,
 8 REVENUE SOURCES, AND FUNDING FORMULAS; REQUIRING A REPORT OF
 9 THE FINDINGS TO THE 51ST LEGISLATURE.
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 11 WHEREAS, special education is a major expenditure for
 12 the State of Montana; and
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 16 caused piecemeal but significant changes in Montana's
 17 special education law since 1974; and
 18 WHEREAS, current proposed legislation includes changes
 19 in special education funding and the provision of special
 20 education programs on a regional basis; and
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 22 education mandates, services, costs, revenue sources, and
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