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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF Robert Ramirez
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN Keenan Macca Meyers Miller Spach Wolke
6 INTERIM STUDY OF MONTANA'S WELFARE, MEDICAID, AND GENERAL Marshall Neuber Steve Sander Stearns Coyer
7 ASSISTANCE SYSTEM AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS Hamilton Donovan Walt
8 AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY TO THE 51ST LEGISLATURE. Beary McGraw Walt

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15 WHEREAS, there is at present no consistency of
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17 WHEREAS, Montana's public policy in providing adequate
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20 WHEREAS, the 50th Legislature's current consideration
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON
HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING

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