

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 53

INTRODUCED BY BULGER, BRADLEY, WINSLOW, VINCENT,  
DARKO, RANEY, CONNELLY, BARDANOUE, MARKS, PECK, STANG,  
NATHE, SWITZER, QUILICI, KADAS, MILES, REHBERG, RAMIREZ,  
KEENAN, MERCER, MEYERS, MILLER, SPAETH, POULSEN, MENAHAN,  
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D. BROWN, THOFT, BRANDEWIE, REAM, MCCORMICK

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 7, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING.
APRIL 9, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 10, 1987	PRINTING REPORT.
APRIL 11, 1987	ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED FOR THE DAY.
APRIL 13, 1987	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
APRIL 14, 1987	ENGROSSING REPORT.  THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 95; NOES, 3.  TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 15, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY.
APRIL 17, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 20, 1987	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
APRIL 21, 1987	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 43; NOES, 7.  RETURNED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 21, 1987

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

1 *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *53* *Connolly*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Julian Bond, Walter Vinson, Marko*  
 3 *Baundane, Mark Bond, Stang, KATHA Swisher,*  
 4 *Julian Bond, Kadas, Miles, R. B. Ramsey,*  
 5 *Keenan, Mecca, Meyers, Miller, Speth, Wilson*  
 6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN  
 7 INTERIM STUDY OF MONTANA'S WELFARE, MEDICAID, AND GENERAL  
 8 ASSISTANCE SYSTEM, AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS  
 9 AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY TO THE 51ST LEGISLATURE. *McConnell*

10 WHEREAS, Montana's welfare spending per \$1,000 of  
 11 personal income is currently third highest among the 17  
 12 Western states; and

13 WHEREAS, this expenditure is growing uncontrollably;  
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15 WHEREAS, there is at present no consistency of  
 16 eligibility or services among counties; and

17 WHEREAS, Montana's public policy in providing adequate  
 18 yet cost-effective welfare, Medicaid, and general assistance  
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20 WHEREAS, the 50th Legislature's current consideration  
 21 of House Bill No. 581, House Bill No. 325, House Bill No.  
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 23 which pertain to this subject, reflects the need for an  
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 3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
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 11 services;

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 13 providing cost-effective welfare, Medicaid, and general  
 14 assistance programs; and

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17 (3) That the committee report its findings and  
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON  
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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF MONTANA'S WELFARE, MEDICAID, AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM; AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY TO THE 51ST LEGISLATURE.

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AMENDMENT TO THE PEOPLE THAT, ON THEIR APPROVAL, WOULD ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE TO DETERMINE WELFARE AND HUMAN SERVICE BENEFITS, BUT FOR THE 51ST LEGISLATURE TO MAKE THOSE DETERMINATIONS, IT IS NECESSARY THAT PRIORITIES BE EXAMINED AND INFORMATION ON WELFARE BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE 1989 SESSION BEGINS; AND

WHEREAS, the 50th Legislature's current consideration of House Bill No. 581, House Bill No. 325, House Bill No. 600, House Bill No. 538, HOUSE BILL NO. 2, and House Bill No. 542, all of which pertain to this subject, reflects the need for an in-depth review of the policies and procedures for administering welfare, Medicaid, and general assistance programs.

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