

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

Introduced by Gilbert, et al.

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1/18	Referred to Taxation
1/23	Rereferred to State Administration
2/08	Hearing
2/10	Tabled in Committee

1 *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *7*  
2 INTRODUCED BY *Gilbert Carls*  
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ENCOURAGING STATE  
6 AGENCIES TO USE POSITIVE RATHER THAN NEGATIVE CHECKOFFS IN  
7 ADMINISTERING DEDUCTIONS OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM  
8 FUNDS HANDLED BY THE STATE.

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10 WHEREAS, the state, through its agencies, departments,  
11 and other public instrumentalities, administers the  
12 deduction of funds for charitable donations through the use  
13 of checkoff systems; and

14 WHEREAS, it is laudable and appropriate that the state  
15 allows the citizens of Montana and the users of state  
16 facilities to make direct contributions to charitable or  
17 other nonprofit organizations by having money withheld or  
18 designated through the use of an automatic checkoff system;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, checkoff systems can be either positive,  
21 whereby the donor affirmatively designates distribution of a  
22 certain sum of money to a particular charity or nonprofit  
23 group, or negative, whereby a person other than the donor  
24 designates the amount to be contributed or the recipient of  
25 the contributions, while providing the donor only the

1 opportunity to negate the donation by affirmatively refusing  
2 to authorize it.

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

6 That state offices discourage the use of negative  
7 checkoffs and encourage the use of a positive checkoff  
8 system for charitable contributions.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State  
10 send copies of this resolution to the Governor, the  
11 department heads of state agencies, all state education  
12 officials, and all state offices.

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