

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 40

Introduced by Bradley, et al.

4/03	Introduced
4/03	Referred to Human Services & Aging
4/06	Hearing
4/10	Committee Report--Bill Passed
4/12	2nd Reading Passed
4/14	3rd Reading Passed

Transmitted to Senate

4/17	Referred to Public Health, Welfare & Safety
4/18	Hearing
4/20	Tabled in Committee

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40  
2 INTRODUCED BY Bradley Jacobson  
3

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN  
6 INTERIM STUDY ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE; AND REQUIRING A REPORT  
7 OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 52ND LEGISLATURE.

8  
9 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a devastating health  
10 condition that destroys vital brain cells, causes  
11 progressive loss of memory and mental functions, and  
12 eventually robs its victims of the ability to speak and  
13 recognize close friends and relatives; and

14 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading  
15 cause of death among the elderly and is believed to affect  
16 approximately 10% of all persons over 65 years of age and  
17 more than 20% of all persons over the age of 80; and

18 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease imposes serious financial,  
19 social, and emotional hardships upon the families of its  
20 victims and has a significant impact on the state Medicaid  
21 budget; and

22 WHEREAS, at this time there is no known cause or cure  
23 for Alzheimer's disease; and

24 WHEREAS, early and accurate diagnosis of Alzheimer's  
25 disease is crucial because a significant number of persons

1 who are thought to be afflicted with the disease actually  
2 suffer from depression or other treatable disorders.

3  
4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

6 That the Legislature establish an appropriate interim  
7 committee on Alzheimer's disease.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee:

9 (1) examine the problems of Alzheimer's disease in  
10 this state;

11 (2) assess the adequacy of current programs and  
12 services available for victims of Alzheimer's disease; and

13 (3) determine the need for new policies, programs, or  
14 services to aid the victims of Alzheimer's disease and their  
15 families.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report its  
17 findings and options for legislative action to the 52nd  
18 Legislature and, if appropriate, prepare legislation to  
19 implement these options.

-End-

APPROVED BY COMM. ON  
HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40  
2 INTRODUCED BY Bradley Jacobson  
3

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN  
6 INTERIM STUDY ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE; AND REQUIRING A REPORT  
7 OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 52ND LEGISLATURE.

8  
9 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a devastating health  
10 condition that destroys vital brain cells, causes  
11 progressive loss of memory and mental functions, and  
12 eventually robs its victims of the ability to speak and  
13 recognize close friends and relatives; and

14 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading  
15 cause of death among the elderly and is believed to affect  
16 approximately 10% of all persons over 65 years of age and  
17 more than 20% of all persons over the age of 80; and

18 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease imposes serious financial,  
19 social, and emotional hardships upon the families of its  
20 victims and has a significant impact on the state Medicaid  
21 budget; and

22 WHEREAS, at this time there is no known cause or cure  
23 for Alzheimer's disease; and

24 WHEREAS, early and accurate diagnosis of Alzheimer's  
25 disease is crucial because a significant number of persons

1 who are thought to be afflicted with the disease actually  
2 suffer from depression or other treatable disorders.

3  
4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

6 That the Legislature establish an appropriate interim  
7 committee on Alzheimer's disease.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee:

9 (1) examine the problems of Alzheimer's disease in  
10 this state;

11 (2) assess the adequacy of current programs and  
12 services available for victims of Alzheimer's disease; and

13 (3) determine the need for new policies, programs, or  
14 services to aid the victims of Alzheimer's disease and their  
15 families.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report its  
17 findings and options for legislative action to the 52nd  
18 Legislature and, if appropriate, prepare legislation to  
19 implement these options.

-End-

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40  
2 INTRODUCED BY Bradley Jacobson, Paul Litton  
3

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN  
6 INTERIM STUDY ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE; AND REQUIRING A REPORT  
7 OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 52ND LEGISLATURE.

8  
9 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a devastating health  
10 condition that destroys vital brain cells, causes  
11 progressive loss of memory and mental functions, and  
12 eventually robs its victims of the ability to speak and  
13 recognize close friends and relatives; and

14 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading  
15 cause of death among the elderly and is believed to affect  
16 approximately 10% of all persons over 65 years of age and  
17 more than 20% of all persons over the age of 80; and

18 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease imposes serious financial,  
19 social, and emotional hardships upon the families of its  
20 victims and has a significant impact on the state Medicaid  
21 budget; and

22 WHEREAS, at this time there is no known cause or cure  
23 for Alzheimer's disease; and

24 WHEREAS, early and accurate diagnosis of Alzheimer's  
25 disease is crucial because a significant number of persons

1 who are thought to be afflicted with the disease actually  
2 suffer from depression or other treatable disorders.

3  
4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

6 That the Legislature establish an appropriate interim  
7 committee on Alzheimer's disease.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee:

9 (1) examine the problems of Alzheimer's disease in  
10 this state;

11 (2) assess the adequacy of current programs and  
12 services available for victims of Alzheimer's disease; and

13 (3) determine the need for new policies, programs, or  
14 services to aid the victims of Alzheimer's disease and their  
15 families.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report its  
17 findings and options for legislative action to the 52nd  
18 Legislature and, if appropriate, prepare legislation to  
19 implement these options.

-End-