

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 45

Introduced by Wallin, et al.

4/08	Introduced
4/10	Referred to Highways & Transportation
4/13	Hearing
4/14	Committee Report--Bill Passed
4/15	2nd Reading Passed
4/17	3rd Reading Passed

Transmitted to Senate

4/18	Referred to Taxation
4/19	Hearing
4/19	Committee Report--Bill Concurred
4/19	2nd Reading Concur Motion Failed
4/19	2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed

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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 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX AND LICENSE FEE
 SYSTEM, INCLUDING A COMPARISON OF MONTANA'S MOTOR VEHICLE
 TAX AND LICENSE FEE SYSTEM WITH THOSE OF OTHER WESTERN
 STATES; AND REQUIRING A REPORT PRESENTING OPTIONS TO THE

52ND LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, motor vehicles constitute a large part of the
 tax bases of local and state governments; and

WHEREAS, local and state governments derive significant
 revenue from motor vehicle taxes and license fees; and

WHEREAS, the wide disparity in the ages of motor
 vehicles and the diversity of makes of motor vehicles
 contribute to the uncertainty and concern about the proper
 level of tax assessments; and

WHEREAS, Montana has revised its procedures and methods
 for determining motor vehicle taxes and license fees three
 times since 1980; and

WHEREAS, other states use various other systems to
 determine motor vehicle taxes and license fees; and

WHEREAS, changes in motor vehicle tax assessments and

license fees directly impact local and state governments,
 the automobile industry, and the public.

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

That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to:

(1) determine the relative importance in Montana of
 motor vehicle taxes and license fees in the revenue of
 cities, counties, schools, and the state;

(2) compare the taxes and license fees paid on motor
 vehicles in Montana with the taxes and license fees paid on
 similar vehicles in other western states; and

(3) analyze the potential impact of changes in
 Montana's system of motor vehicle taxes and license fees on
 the revenue of cities, counties, schools, and the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report to
 the 52nd Legislature and present options to remedy any
 problems or inequities that the committee recognizes in
 Montana's system of motor vehicle taxes and license fees.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

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