

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN  
6 INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY ON RESTRUCTURING MONTANA'S PUBLIC  
7 SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND REQUIRING THE COMMITTEE TO REPORT THE  
8 FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 52ND LEGISLATURE.

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10 WHEREAS, there is widespread public interest in Montana  
11 in recognizing the economic reality of limited financial  
12 resources within the state, even for funding such an  
13 important public obligation as the state's public school  
14 system; and

15 WHEREAS, much public dialogue about conserving the  
16 state's limited resources and providing a basic quality  
17 public school system has centered on the possibility of more  
18 cost-efficient organization and administration of the  
19 state's numerous school districts; and

20 WHEREAS, it is possible and desirable to restructure  
21 the state's school districts and reorganize their many  
22 functions in order to deliver an adequate educational system  
23 in a more cost-effective manner; and

24 WHEREAS, there are ways of restructuring and improving  
25 the school districts in the state by reducing the number of

1 districts while maintaining as many attendance units as are  
2 in the best interests of pupils who now attend such units.

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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 the Legislative Council assign an appropriate  
7 interim committee to study options for restructuring  
8 Montana's public school districts. These options include  
9 but are not limited to:

10 (1) creating area service agencies to provide  
11 assistance to member school districts in such areas as  
12 purchasing, accounting, health services, curriculum planning  
13 and development, data processing, evaluation and research,  
14 inservice training, special education, and vocational  
15 programs; and

16 (2) providing planning grants and supplemental pupil  
17 payments to districts for planning and implementing  
18 proposals for restructuring school district boundaries.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee consider  
20 the:

21 (1) potential cost savings of any school district  
22 restructuring proposal;

23 (2) educational improvements made possible by district  
24 restructuring; and

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