

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

Introduced by Schwinden, et al.

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4/14 Committee Report--Bill Passed  
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2    INTRODUCED BY Whelan  
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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 STUDY ON EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION AND OPTIONS FOR  
7    CONSOLIDATING STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ACHIEVE  
8    OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY EFFICIENCIES; AND REQUIRING A  
9    REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 54TH LEGISLATURE.  
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11        WHEREAS, Article VI, section 7, of The Constitution of  
12    the State of Montana provides that all executive and  
13    administrative offices and instrumentalities of the  
14    Executive Branch be allocated in an orderly arrangement  
15    under no more than 20 principal departments; and  
16        WHEREAS, the Executive Branch, consisting of 18 primary  
17    departments, still maintains numerous independent agencies  
18    and boards; and  
19        WHEREAS, functions and responsibilities among Executive  
20    Branch agencies may be inefficiently duplicated, fragmented,  
21    or overlapping; and  
22        WHEREAS, numerous publications and studies have  
23    emphasized the need to consider executive reorganization to  
24    achieve maximum efficiency and effectiveness in state  
25    government; and

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2    executive reorganization, consolidating numerous independent  
3    agencies and boards under 13 departments; and  
4            WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the State of Montana  
5    may also be able to achieve greater efficiency and  
6    effectiveness through executive reorganization and  
7    consolidation of independent agencies.  
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9    NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
10   OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
11        That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to:  
12        (1) study the current organization of the Executive  
13    Branch of Montana's state government and identify  
14    independent agencies, duplication of functions, areas of  
15    overlapping responsibilities, and the feasibility of agency  
16    consolidation;  
17        (2) review the theories and principles of executive  
18    reorganization and the experiences of other states in  
19    consolidating state agencies; and  
20        (3) identify ways in which these theories, principles,  
21    and practices of reorganization and consolidation may be  
22    applied to achieve the most efficient and effective  
23    operation of Montana state government.  
24        BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interim committee  
25    report the findings of the study to the 54th Legislature and

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- 1 present options and recommendations for legislative
- 2 consideration.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
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WHEREAS, Article VI, section 7, of The Constitution of the State of Montana provides that all executive and administrative offices and instrumentalities of the Executive Branch be allocated in an orderly arrangement under no more than 20 principal departments; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch, consisting of 18 primary departments, still maintains numerous independent agencies and boards; and

WHEREAS, functions and responsibilities among Executive Branch agencies may be inefficiently duplicated, fragmented, or overlapping; and

WHEREAS, numerous publications and studies have emphasized the need to consider executive reorganization to achieve maximum efficiency and effectiveness in state government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming recently undertook an executive reorganization, consolidating numerous independent agencies and boards under 13 departments; and

WHEREAS, THERE ARE NUMEROUS FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF BOTH THE STATE OF MONTANA AND THE SEVERAL TRIBES OF THE STATE; AND

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the State of Montana may also be able to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness through executive reorganization and consolidation of independent agencies.

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) study the current organization of the Executive Branch of Montana's state government and identify independent agencies, duplication of functions, areas of overlapping responsibilities, and the feasibility of agency consolidation;

(2) CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL MERITS IF THE STATE WERE TO ENABLE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMS CREATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY TURNING OVER TO THE VARIOUS TRIBES THE PROGRAMS AND THE ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATIVE FEES THAT ARE PRESENTLY ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF MONTANA ON BEHALF OF THE SEVERAL RESERVATIONS;

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2 reorganization and the experiences of other states in  
3 consolidating state agencies; and  
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