

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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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 OF THE LIQUOR SYSTEM WITHIN THE STATE; AND  
7 REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 54TH  
8 LEGISLATURE.

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10 WHEREAS, legislation to privatize the state liquor  
11 stores and agency stores has been introduced for the last  
12 three regular sessions and the last two special sessions of  
13 the Legislature; and

14 WHEREAS, previous groups appointed to study the  
15 privatization issue have not resolved the issue; and

16 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Legislature  
17 to fully understand this issue in order to ensure that the  
18 best interests of the state are being met; and

19 WHEREAS, the issue will continue to be presented to the  
20 Legislature in the future and should be resolved in an  
21 efficient and effective manner.

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

25 That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to

1 study:

2 (1) the privatization of state liquor stores and agency  
3 stores and other alternatives;

4 (2) the effect of privatization on state employees and  
5 state revenue and the impact of privatization on the  
6 consumer and the industry;

7 (3) the state policy, objectives, and goals regarding  
8 the liquor system;

9 (4) the system of state control on the wholesale sale  
10 of liquor; and

11 (5) the system of the retail sale of liquor through  
12 state liquor stores and agency stores.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interim committee  
14 report the findings of the study to the 54th Legislature and  
15 present options for legislative consideration.

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