

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

Introduced by Towe, et al.

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1 Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1
2 INTRODUCED BY Tim Bill

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE BOARD OF
6 LAND COMMISSIONERS TO BEGIN A SYSTEMATIC DISPOSITION OF
7 CERTAIN STATE LANDS AND TO CONSOLIDATE STATE LAND HOLDINGS
8 TO SECURE THE GREATEST RETURN FOR THE SCHOOL TRUST ACCOUNT.

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10 WHEREAS, Article X, section 11, of the Montana
11 Constitution and Title 77, chapter 2, part 3, MCA, authorize
12 the Board of Land Commissioners to dispose of or exchange
13 public lands as the best interests of the state may require;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, section 77-1-202, MCA, requires the Board to
16 administer the state land trust to secure the largest
17 measure of legitimate and reasonable advantage to the state;
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19 WHEREAS, the Board administers many small parcels of
20 school trust land and other properties that, if sold, could
21 generate greater long-term revenue benefits through
22 investment of the sale proceeds in the school trust fund and
23 through placement of the property on state tax rolls than
24 might result in renting or leasing; and

1 WHEREAS, the exchange and consolidation of scattered
2 state land holdings into larger, more manageable units could
3 generate potentially greater revenue returns by making the
4 units more economically desirable to lessees, reducing state
5 administrative costs, providing enhanced recreational
6 opportunities for Montana public land users and the sporting
7 community, and resolving some problems associated with
8 public access by making state lands more readily accessible.

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

12 That the Board of Land Commissioners be urged to
13 evaluate state land holdings to determine which parcels
14 could, in the long term, generate greater revenue for the
15 school trust if the lands were sold and the property placed
16 on state tax rolls than would be received in rent and
17 leases.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Land
19 Commissioners be urged to begin a systematic disposition of
20 those state lands, including documentation of reasons why
21 any particular state lands have not been sold or offered for
22 sale, and to deposit revenue received from the disposition
23 of those lands in the state equalization aid account for the
24 benefit of Montana schools.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Land

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1 Commissioners be urged to exchange and consolidate state
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