

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY AND PLANNING PROCESS TO PREPARE MONTANA STATE
6 GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY; AND REQUIRING A REPORT TO THE
7 55TH LEGISLATURE.

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11 budgeting; and

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13 unclear in many instances; and

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16 accounting, budgeting, personnel and payroll, purchasing, and property management and control; and

17 WHEREAS, these same information technology tools encourage using principles of business process
18 reengineering to achieve real efficiencies by redefining what work is done in addition to how it is done; and

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20 management systems requires thorough planning at both the policy and implementation levels, with careful
21 attention to the role of new and legacy systems; and

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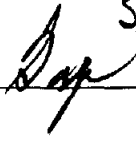
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