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2 INTRODUCED BY MCCANN

3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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6 MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF STATE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT; AND PROVIDING
7 FOR A REPORT OF FINDINGS TO THE GOVERNOR AND 56TH LEGISLATURE.

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