

1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *20*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *etc.* *Wang* *Salinger* *Leibman*
 3 *Waltke* BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE *Spangue*
 4 *Roberts* *Cole* *W. Blum* *Foster*

5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
 6 MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MONITOR THE EFFECTS OF THE
 7 NEW RESTAURANT BEER AND WINE LICENSE SYSTEM AND STUDY THE EXISTING ALCOHOLIC
 8 BEVERAGE QUOTA SYSTEMS; AND PROVIDING FOR A REPORT OF FINDINGS TO THE GOVERNOR AND
 9 THE 56TH LEGISLATURE.

11 WHEREAS, the State of Montana has regulated the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises
 12 consumption by a quota system through the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses; and

13 WHEREAS, the quota system is a creation of the state, and the quota system has resulted in the
 14 vesting of a property right for owners of alcoholic beverage licenses; and

15 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 354, if passed and approved, would establish a new category of beer
 16 and wine license to allow restaurants to serve beer and wine to patrons and would represent a significant
 17 modification to the quota system; and

18 WHEREAS, the effects of Senate Bill No. 354, if enacted, on the existing quota system are
 19 unknown; and

20 WHEREAS, the Legislature has not undertaken a systematic evaluation of the alcoholic beverage
 21 quota system.

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

- 25 That the Revenue Oversight Committee be requested to:
- 26 (1) monitor the issuance and administration of the new beer and wine licenses;
 - 27 (2) review the existing quota system related to the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises
 - 28 consumption;
 - 29 (3) monitor the changes in the value of existing licenses to determine whether the issuance of the
 - 30 new beer and wine licenses has an effect on the value of existing licenses;

1 (4) examine other effects of the new beer and wine license system; and

2 (5) determine whether modifications to the existing quota system would be appropriate.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Revenue Oversight Committee report its findings to the
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