

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF BUSINESSES INFRASTRUCTURE IN MONTANA AS IT
RELATES TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.

WHEREAS, Montana is a part of the global marketplace as technology bridges the divide between local
businesses and the vibrant national economy and the world; and

WHEREAS, it is the innovation and initiative of entrepreneurs in the private sector that drive our economy
and provide for the quality of life that Americans enjoy; and

WHEREAS, even the most recent invention or well-crafted business plan needs an infrastructure in which
to prosper.

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

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory
committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources:

(1) to analyze and study the state of "business infrastructure" in Montana, including:

(a) traditional land and air transportation systems, both internal to the state and with adjoining states,
to determine feasibility for movement of merchandise manufactured within Montana and materials needed by
existing and potential businesses in the state;

(b) communication and technological systems, including but not limited to traditional and cell phone
coverage, Internet and wireless access, and teleconferencing, both statewide and at a microlevel in each of
Montana's urban centers; and

(c) current and potential businesses designed to assist entrepreneurship and provide logistical support
to small businesses, including but not limited to office parks designed for shared usage of administrative support;
computers, technology, and meeting space; firms designed to allow for outsourcing of human resources, payroll,
and accounting functions; and printing and shipping functions;



