

1 \_\_\_\_\_ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA REQUESTING A STUDY OF USING EARMARKED STATE REVENUE TO FUND STATE  
6 PROGRAMS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEGISLATION TO EVENTUALLY PHASE OUT THE USE OF  
7 EARMARKED STATE REVENUE, WHEN APPROPRIATE.

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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature has from time to time enacted programs dependent on specially  
10 earmarked revenue sources for funding; and

11 WHEREAS, this designation of earmarked revenue has been used as a justification for the existence  
12 of some programs; and

13 WHEREAS, programs should be considered by the Legislature based on the programs' merit and  
14 according to principles of sound public policy rather than according to whether a particular revenue source  
15 can be tapped to fund the program.

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

19 That the Legislative Finance Committee, with any staff support from the Legislative Services  
20 Division considered appropriate by the Legislative Council, be requested to:

- 21 (1) identify state programs funded with earmarked state revenue;
- 22 (2) analyze options and develop recommendations for phasing out the use of earmarked revenue  
23 to fund the programs, when appropriate; and
- 24 (3) develop legislation to implement the recommendations.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review  
26 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2002.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including findings,  
28 recommendations, and legislation, be reported to the 58th Legislature.

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