

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE MONTANA HOMELAND SECURITY TASK FORCE DESIGNATE  
6 INDUSTRIES OR CATEGORIES OF INDUSTRY THAT ARE OF HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR FURTHER  
7 ASSESSMENT WITH REGARD TO CHEMICAL SAFETY, STORAGE, AND CONTAINMENT.

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9 WHEREAS, the chemical industry is a crucial part of the critical infrastructure of Montana in its own right,  
10 and that industry supplies resources essential to the functioning of other critical parts of the infrastructure; and

11 WHEREAS, the possibility of terrorist and criminal attacks on chemical sources, such as industrial  
12 facilities, poses a serious threat to public health, safety, and welfare, critical infrastructure, national security, and  
13 the environment; and

14 WHEREAS, the possibility of theft of dangerous chemicals from chemical sources for use in terrorist  
15 attacks poses a further threat to public health, safety, and welfare, critical infrastructure, national security, and  
16 the environment; and

17 WHEREAS, there are significant opportunities to prevent theft from and criminal attack on chemical  
18 sources and reduce the harm that these acts would produce by:

- 19 (1) reducing usage and storage of chemicals by changing production methods and processes;  
20 (2) employing inherently safer technologies in the manufacture, transport, and use of chemicals;  
21 (3) enhancing secondary containment and other existing mitigation measures; and  
22 (4) improving security; and

23 WHEREAS, the Montana Homeland Security Task Force has been created to coordinate the  
24 development and implementation of a comprehensive statewide strategy to strengthen Montana's capabilities  
25 to detect, prepare for, prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from any terrorist threats or attacks  
26 within the state.

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

30 That the Montana Homeland Security Task Force, in consultation with the State Emergency Response

1 Commission, be requested to designate those industries or categories of industry that are of highest priority for  
2 further assessment.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Homeland Security Task Force be requested to  
4 encourage an assessment of safer alternatives and increased security at high-priority facilities in Montana.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that high-priority ranking be based on:

6 (1) the severity of the harm that could be caused by an accidental release or criminal release of  
7 chemicals;

8 (2) the proximity of the facility to population centers;

9 (3) the threat to national security;

10 (4) the threat to critical infrastructure;

11 (5) threshold quantities of substances of concern that pose a serious threat; and

12 (6) other safety or security factors that the Homeland Security Task Force determines to be appropriate.

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