

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA RECOMMENDING THAT IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPONDING TO THE  
6 DESIRES AND NEEDS OF A MAJORITY OF MONTANA'S FOREIGN GRAIN CUSTOMERS, GENETICALLY  
7 ENGINEERED WHEAT OR BARLEY BE GROWN IN MONTANA ONLY WHEN THERE IS ACCEPTANCE OF  
8 THESE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CROPS BY A MAJORITY OF MONTANA'S FOREIGN MARKETS;  
9 RECOMMENDING THAT RESEARCH OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CROPS SHOULD CONTINUE; AND  
10 ENCOURAGING REGULATORY AGENCIES TO RECOGNIZE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AS GENETICALLY  
11 ENGINEERED CROPS ARE INTRODUCED.

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13 WHEREAS, Montana's wheat and barley industry is a central and vital component of our state's  
14 economy; and

15 WHEREAS, Montana's export markets have recognized Montana wheat and barley to be among the  
16 finest in the world; and

17 WHEREAS, Montana has come to rely on these export customers to market a majority of Montana's  
18 grain to Pacific Rim countries; and

19 WHEREAS, a majority of these customers have not yet accepted genetically engineered grains; and

20 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of maintaining these foreign markets.

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

24 (1) That the introduction of genetically engineered wheat and barley for commercial production must  
25 be carefully timed so that it occurs only when there is acceptance of these crops by Montana's major customers.

26 (2) That research should continue in:

- 27 (a) development of crops and crop characteristics that appeal to the needs of the customer;
- 28 (b) development of crops and crop characteristics that are economically beneficial to the producer;
- 29 (c) development of safeguards to reduce outcrossing of genetically engineered crops with
- 30 nongenetically engineered crops and weeds; and



