

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTS OF WILDFIRE SMOKE ON  
6 HUMAN HEALTH AND TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE WAYS THAT THE STATE OF MONTANA COULD REQUIRE  
7 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE OR CONTAIN THE AMOUNT OF SMOKE PRODUCED BY  
8 WILDFIRES ON FEDERALLY OWNED LAND WITHIN MONTANA.

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10 WHEREAS, Montana is prone to experience wildfires; and

11 WHEREAS, much of the more than 27 million acres of federal land in Montana is forested and prone  
12 to wildfire; and

13 WHEREAS, smoke from forest wildfires is known to contain mercury, carbon monoxide, particulate  
14 matter, hydrocarbons, acrolein, benzene, formaldehyde, and nitrogen oxides.

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

18 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to  
19 section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to examine the components of wildfire smoke and the  
20 possible containment or reduction of wildfire smoke. The study should include but is not limited to:

21 (1) determining the possible detrimental effects that the various components of wildfire smoke may have  
22 on human health;

23 (2) identifying ways the State of Montana could require the federal government, under the Clean Air Act,  
24 to contain or reduce the amount of wildfire smoke on federal lands within Montana.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be  
26 presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review  
28 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2006.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,  
30 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 60th Legislature.

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