

SENATE BILL NO. 190

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING AN INTERIM STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A BICYCLE PATH BETWEEN HELENA AND GREAT FALLS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of Montana's natural wonders to Montana citizens and the value of their opportunity to recreate within those wonders; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of tourism to Montana's economy; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Legislature to promote public safety whenever possible.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Interim study.** The department of transportation shall conduct a study during the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, to determine the feasibility of creating a bicycle path on public right-of-ways adjoining county and state roads between Helena in Lewis and Clark County and Great Falls in Cascade County. The department shall makes its findings available to the 2009 legislature as provided in 5-11-210.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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