

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

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3 BY REQUEST OF THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

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5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
6 MONTANA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FUNDING OF A PROPOSED HEALTH CARE INFORMATION  
7 EXCHANGE PILOT PROJECT.8  
9 WHEREAS, electronic management of patient health care records may give health care providers an  
10 important tool in treating patients and managing their medical conditions; and11 WHEREAS, the nationally recognized standards established for a continuity of care record would allow  
12 health care providers to share information about patients and the care they have received; and13 WHEREAS, the exchange of this type of health care information could eliminate unnecessary tests,  
14 resulting in reduced costs not only for patients but also for the health care system as a whole; and15 WHEREAS, continuity of care records may help physicians better manage the medical conditions of  
16 individual patients and also monitor how well they are managing the care for patients with similar medical  
17 conditions; and18 WHEREAS, health care information technology has the potential to not only improve overall health  
19 outcomes for Montana residents but also improve the ways in which health care is delivered; and20 WHEREAS, the proposed executive budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, contains an  
21 appropriation to put in place a pilot health care information exchange project.22  
23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 STATE OF MONTANA:25 That the Legislature supports the executive budget appropriation for the health care information exchange  
26 project.

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