

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF THE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPING A STATE WEBSITE THAT WOULD PROVIDE STATE BUDGET INFORMATION IN A USER-FRIENDLY MANNER TO THE PUBLIC.

WHEREAS, the people of Montana have expressed the desire to have state budget information on revenues and expenditures available to them by electronic means in order to improve the transparency in state government operations; and

WHEREAS, state government has provided many other kinds of information and services to Montana citizens on the internet; and

WHEREAS, the Montana constitutional provision (Article II, section 9) for citizen access to and participation in government would be enhanced by providing state budget information on revenue and expenditures on a state website.

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

That the Legislative Finance Committee, pursuant to section 5-12-205, MCA, be designated to:

(1) analyze the requirements for developing an electronic system that would provide state budget information on a state website for the purpose of providing the following user-friendly information:

(a) a comprehensive list of the state revenue, expenditures, and other relevant data that would be available on the website, including a mockup of the screens that a user may use to request information;

(b) a description of the data or information that would be presented to the user, including a mockup of the screens that would display the requested information;

(c) the types of calculations and processes that the system would need to provide the information in an accessible manner; and

(d) any other functions that the system would need to perform;

(2) determine the revenue, expenditure, budget, and financial data and any other data the system would



1 require in order to produce the information in an accessible manner and where that data would reside;

2 (3) determine how and when the data would need to be updated in order to provide the most current
3 information;

4 (4) determine what other computer systems the system would interact with and describe those
5 interactions;

6 (5) determine any security and privacy matters that may arise through the development of the system
7 and make recommendations to resolve those matters;

8 (6) develop a budget for the implementation of the system and for its continued operation;

9 (7) make a recommendation on the appropriate legislative committee for ongoing oversight of the
10 system.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Finance Committee seek the advice and assistance
12 of persons familiar with the development of computer systems, the Governor's Office of Budget and Program
13 Planning, the chief information officer of the Department of Administration, the Legislative Branch Computer
14 System Planning Council, other state agencies, members of the public, and other interested persons.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the system analysis, including presentation and review
16 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2010.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the system analysis, including any findings,
18 conclusions, comments, or recommendations of the Legislative Finance Committee, be reported to the 62nd
19 Legislature.

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