

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 520

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE MONTANA BOARD OF  
5 REGENTS FOR STUDYING THE GROWING DIVIDE BETWEEN RURAL AND URBAN COMMUNITIES; AND  
6 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) Subject to [section 2], there is an appropriation of  
11 \$300,000 from the general fund to the Montana board of regents for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011.

12 (2) The appropriation in subsection (1) is intended to provide the necessary funding, pursuant to Senate  
13 Joint Resolution No. 8, for the board of regents to:

14 (a) examine the growing divide between rural and urban communities;

15 (b) collect and analyze data concerning specific rural and urban demographics;

16 (c) assemble rural and urban interest groups, stakeholders, and policy analysts to build partnerships and  
17 develop action plans for bringing rural and urban communities together; and

18 (d) explore the feasibility of a pilot project and establish and fund a rural-urban institute for ongoing  
19 research and analysis.

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21 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Contingent voidness.** If Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 is not passed and  
22 approved, then [this act] is void.

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24 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective upon passage and approval.

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