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\*\*\*\* Joint Resolution No. \*\*\*\*

Introduced By \*\*\*\*\*

By Request of the \*\*\*\*\*

A Joint Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana adopting the joint legislative rules.

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

That the following Joint Rules be adopted:

**JOINT RULES OF THE MONTANA  
SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**30-60. Estimation of revenue and use of estimates.** (1) The Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee shall introduce a House joint resolution for the purpose of estimating revenue that may be available for appropriation by the Legislature.

(2) The committee may prepare for introduction during a special session of the legislature in which a revenue bill or an appropriation bill is under consideration a joint resolution that provides an estimate of the amount of projected revenue.

(3)(a)(i) The committee's estimate, in the form of a joint resolution as introduced in the legislature, is the current revenue estimate until final adoption of the estimate by both houses.

(ii) Subject to subsection (3)(b), the estimate and the assumptions underlying the estimate must be used by all agencies

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with responsibilities for estimating revenue or costs, including the preparation of fiscal notes.

(b) (i) Subject to subsection (2)(c), the revenue estimate and the assumptions underlying the estimate do not constitute the legislature's revenue estimate for the purpose of determining whether there is a balanced budget as required by Article VIII, section 9, of the Montana Constitution until final adoption of the estimate by both houses.

(ii) Subject to subsection (2)(c), upon final adoption by both houses, the adopted revenue estimate must be used by all agencies with responsibility for estimating revenue or costs, including the preparation of fiscal notes, and it must be used for the purpose of determining whether there is a projected general fund deficit under 17-7-140.

(c) After the final adoption of a revenue estimate by both houses, the house or the senate, or both, may introduce subsequent joint resolutions on the revenue estimate. The revenue estimate that is most recently adopted by both houses is the legislature's revenue estimate and it must be used:

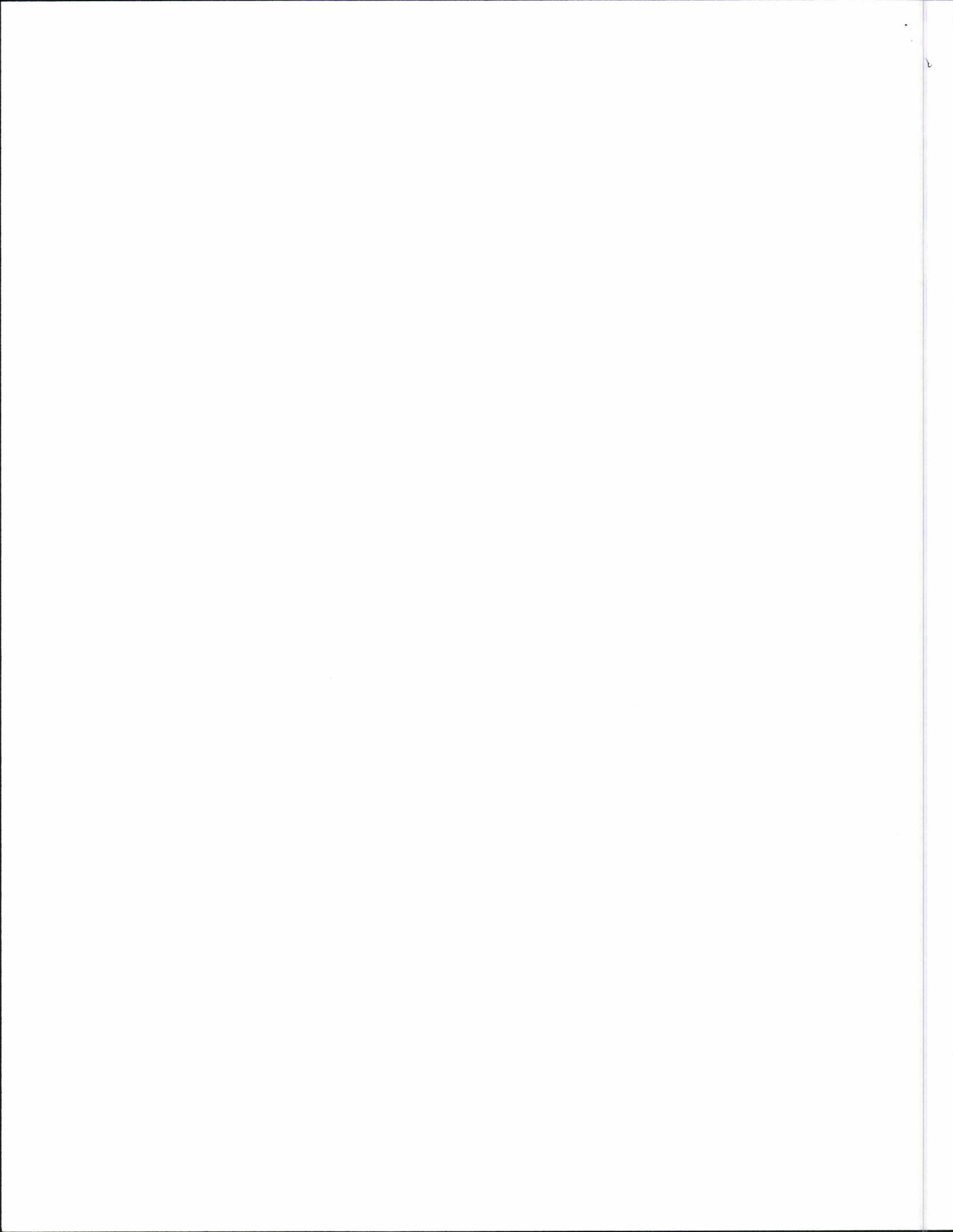
(i) for the purpose of determining whether there is a balanced budget;

(ii) by all agencies with responsibility for estimating revenue or costs, including the preparation of fiscal notes; and

(iii) to compare the adopted revenue estimate and assumptions to current revenue estimates under 17-7-140(4).

(5-5-227, MCA)

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