

SENATE BILL NO. 382

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE LEGISLATURE'S REVENUE ESTIMATING LAWS;
5 PROVIDING THAT THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE'S REVENUE
6 ESTIMATING RESOLUTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE LEGISLATURE'S OFFICIAL REVENUE
7 ESTIMATE UNTIL FINAL ADOPTION OF THE ESTIMATE BY BOTH HOUSES; CREATING A REVENUE
8 ESTIMATE PROCESS IF THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE DOES NOT
9 INTRODUCE A REVENUE ESTIMATING RESOLUTION; PROVIDING THAT A LEGISLATURE MAY ADOPT
10 A SUBSEQUENT REVENUE ESTIMATING RESOLUTION; AND AMENDING SECTION 5-5-227, MCA."

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

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14 **Section 1.** Section 5-5-227, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"5-5-227. Revenue and transportation interim committee -- powers and duties -- revenue**
16 **estimating joint resolution and use of estimates.** (1) The revenue and transportation interim committee has
17 administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the
18 department of revenue and the department of transportation and the entities attached to the departments for
19 administrative purposes.

20 (2) (a) The committee must have prepared by December 1 for introduction during each regular session
21 of the legislature in which a revenue bill is under consideration a joint resolution that provides an estimate of the
22 amount of revenue projected to be available for legislative appropriation.

23 (b) The committee may prepare for introduction during a special session of the legislature in which a
24 revenue bill or an appropriation bill is under consideration a joint resolution that provides an estimate of the
25 amount of projected revenue. The revenue estimate is considered a subject specified in the call of a special
26 session under 5-3-101.

27 (3) (a) ~~The~~ Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), the committee's estimate, in the form of a joint
28 resolution as introduced in the legislature, ~~constitutes the legislature's~~ is the current revenue estimate ~~until~~
29 ~~amended or until final adoption of the estimate by both houses. It is intended that the legislature's estimates and~~
30 ~~the assumptions underlying the estimates will~~

