

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5
INTRODUCED BY D. LEWIS

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE CITY OF HELENA TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO SECURE FINANCING FOR A NEW BUILDING AT THE HELENA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA BY ISSUING BONDS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO LEASE THE FACILITY, UPON COMPLETION, TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article X, section 9(2), of the Montana Constitution, the Board of Regents has full power, responsibility, and authority to supervise, coordinate, manage, and control the Montana University System and the authority to supervise and coordinate other public educational institutions as assigned by law; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 the Board of Regents restructured the University System by incorporating the vocational-technical centers and the 1995 Legislature enacted Chapter 308, Laws of 1995 (Senate Bill No. 156), to statutorily assign the vocational-technical centers to the Board to supervise and coordinate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has sufficient authority to use private money to construct buildings and to enter into contractual arrangements with self-governing local governments to work together on mutually beneficial projects; and

WHEREAS, since the Helena College of Technology of the University of Montana is located in Helena and supports the economy of the local region, the City of Helena has a vested interest in working with the Board of Regents to secure a new building for the college.

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

That the City of Helena be strongly urged to work cooperatively with the Board of Regents to secure financing for a new building at the Helena College of Technology of the University of Montana by issuing bonds to finance the construction of the project and to enter into an agreement to lease the facility, upon completion, to the Board of Regents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Mayor of

Helena, to the Board of Regents, and to the Dean of the Helena College of Technology of the University of Montana.

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