

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2
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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM LEGISLATIVE STUDY OF DRINKING AND DRIVING IN MONTANA.

WHEREAS, Montana law prohibits individuals from driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and
WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Legislature to protect the safety of the public on public highways; and
WHEREAS, although section 61-8-460, MCA, disallowing open containers of alcohol, may have some impact on the number of alcohol-related accidents and deaths, Montana continues to see a high number of alcohol-related fatalities.

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

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources:

(1) to study the issue of driving under the influence generally to determine any legislation that might augment current law in reducing the incidence of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs; and
(2) to identify improvements, where applicable, that state agencies may make in the administration of programs under current law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions, comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 61st Legislature.

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