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1	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7
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4	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5	MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1 IN MONTANA.
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7	WHEREAS, deployment of next-generation 9-1-1 communications systems will enhance emergency
8	response and public safety in Montana and will establish a THE foundation for public safety services in a wireless
9	AN INCREASINGLY mobile society; and
10	WHEREAS, the current 9-1-1 system is built on landline telephone technology, which locates the caller
11	based on a phone number's registered address, cannot exactly locate 9-1-1 calls made from a cell phone, and
12	does not support text messages, photos, videos, and other multimedia; and
13	WHEREAS, next-generation 9-1-1 systems use secure internet protocol networks and geographic
14	information systems (GIS) to automatically locate, validate, and route 9-1-1 calls from any phone and support
15	voice, data, text, image, video, and multimedia; and
16	WHEREAS, current 9-1-1 systems are locally managed and are made up of disparate implementations
17	that will not be conducive to efficient and effective next-generation 9-1-1 implementation; and
18	WHEREAS, current Montana statute is primarily focused on the implementation of basic and enhanced
19	9-1-1 systems and limits the ability for call centers to upgrade 9-1-1 systems and equipment; and
20	WHEREAS, in Montana there is no one entity with a mandate for planning, implementing, or maintaining
21	the data and communication systems needed to support next-generation 9-1-1, while surrounding states are
22	actively engaged in planning and implementing next-generation 9-1-1; and
23	WHEREAS, the demands and challenges of ASSOCIATED WITH EVOLVING next generation 9-1-1 NETWORKS
24	AND TECHNOLOGIES WILL require a new and innovative STATEWIDE INNOVATION AND approach and statewide
25	coordination is a critical part of the solution .
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27	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
28	STATE OF MONTANA:
29	That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory
30	committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to:

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1	(1) evaluate how the state, local governments, and emergency responders can form a partnership to
2	begin planning for next-generation 9-1-1 in Montana;
3	(2) identify what legislative changes need to be made to implement next-generation 9-1-1 in Montana;
4	(3) identify funding requirements and potential funding sources needed to implement next-generation
5	9-1-1 in Montana;
6	(4) develop a plan for implementing a standards-based next-generation 9-1-1 system in Montana; and
7	(5) propose legislation for consideration by the 65th Legislature to enable implementation of
8	next-generation 9-1-1 in Montana.
9	(1) ASSESS THE STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATORY AND STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT AFFECTING
10	NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1; AND
11	(2) STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION, MANAGEMENT, AND OPERATION AND
12	ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.
13	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any study THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR ADVANCING
14	$\underline{\text{NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1} \text{ IN } \underline{\text{MONTANA } \underline{\text{MUST}}} \text{ involve the participation of local, state, federal, and tribal stakeholders, } \\$
15	including but not limited to A REPRESENTATIVE OF the land information advisory council established in 90-1-405,
16	A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU,
17	representatives of public safety user groups <u>EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDER GROUPS</u> , including the department of
18	administration's public safety communications bureau, county commissioners GOVERNMENT, law enforcement
19	officials, disaster and emergency services coordinators, and 9-1-1 and emergency response groups
20	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES SERVING URBAN AND RURAL
21	AREAS, and other stakeholders with an interest in next-generation 9-1-1.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be
23	presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
25	requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2016.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
27	comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 65th Legislature.



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