

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE EFFICIENCIES OF THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM'S ACADEMIC, FINANCIAL, AND HUMAN RESOURCE COMPUTER SYSTEMS; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 65TH LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Montana University System currently utilizes multiple implementations of computer systems to manage academic, financial, and human resource information; and

WHEREAS, this creates inefficiencies resulting from needless duplication, difficulty in sharing information across systems, and additional expense for data storage and management; and

WHEREAS, consolidating the university system implementations and integrating university system accounting data with the statewide accounting system will improve efficiency and transparency; and

WHEREAS, improving efficiency and transparency will help manage the costs of higher education and allow for better allocation of precious state resources to benefit university students, faculty, staff, and administrators, as well as Montana taxpayers.

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, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to study the efficiencies of the Montana University System's academic, financial, and human resource computer systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study:

- (1) work in collaboration with the Board of Regents, the Commissioner of Higher Education, fiscal officers and registrars from units of the Montana University System, and representatives from the State Information Technology Services Division and State Accounting Bureau;
- (2) inventory the different computer systems currently utilized by the Montana University System;
- (3) investigate how the different computer systems might be consolidated to improve efficiency and transparency for units of the Montana University System, as well as for community colleges and tribal colleges;

1 and

2 (4) develop a plan for consolidation of these systems and for better integration with the Statewide
3 Accounting, Budgeting, and Human Resource System.

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

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
7 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2016.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
9 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 65th Legislature.

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