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1	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43					
2	INTRODUCED BY K. WHITE					
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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 A STATEWIDE SALES TAX.					
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7	WHEREAS, Montana revenue collections are based on income and property taxes; and					
8	WHEREAS, property tax revenue represents 12% of the state budget; and					
9	WHEREAS, property tax appraisal is based on a 2-year cycle and, according to the Department of					
10	Revenue, each property in the state of Montana is reviewed every 6 years; and					
11	WHEREAS, property values are based on a mass appraisal approach; and					
12	WHEREAS, sales of property are used to value like property; and					
13	WHEREAS, property owners are subject to values of like properties sold not being similar to their own					
14	and					
15	WHEREAS, values of property and property taxes may rise without regard to current ownership o					
16	improvements made to property; and					
17	WHEREAS, property tax assessment can result in a hardship for many Montana residents; and					
18	WHEREAS, property taxes can be a deterrent for investment capital coming to Montana; and					
19	WHEREAS, low-income and fixed-income elderly homeowners are being forced to sell their homes					
20	because of property taxes; and					
21	WHEREAS, property taxes are a hardship on agriculture producers and may force agricultural land to					
22	be sold for development.					
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24	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE					
25	STATE OF MONTANA:					
26	That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to					
27	section 5-5-217, MCA, to study replacing all property taxes levied on class three, class four, and class ter					
28	property with a statewide sales tax.					
29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study consider:					
30	(1) which goods and services to tax;					



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1 (2)	the rev	enue that	could be	raised	from a	sales	tax;	and
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2 (3) funding mechanisms to replace class three, class four, and class ten property tax collections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2018.

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 66th Legislature.

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