

HOUSE BILL NO. 586

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO STATE LABORATORIES;
PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO VOTE AND LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR
CERTAIN LABORATORIES; REQUIRING DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTION 18-3-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 18-3-101, MCA, is amended to read:

"18-3-101. Authority to lease with option to purchase. ~~(1) When~~ Except as provided in subsection
(2), when authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature, the department of
administration may, as part of the long-range building program, enter into a lease contract that provides an option
to purchase a building to be used by the state or any department of state government.

(2) A vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature and inclusion in the long-range
building program is not required for a lease contract that provides an option to purchase if the building will be
used for colocated laboratory space that will include facilities that conduct animal health testing for pathogens
that could impact public health."

**NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION REQUIRED TO DEVELOP PLAN -- ADVISORY
COMMITTEE.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN FOR A LEASE CONTRACT THAT PROVIDES
AN OPTION TO PURCHASE FOR A COLOCATED LABORATORY FOR FACILITIES THAT CONDUCT ANIMAL TESTING FOR
PATHOGENS THAT COULD IMPACT PUBLIC HEALTH.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL ORGANIZE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE
FOLLOWING:

(A) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ONE FROM THE MAJORITY AND ONE FROM THE
MINORITY, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;



1 (B) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, ONE FROM THE MAJORITY AND ONE FROM THE MINORITY, APPOINTED BY THE
2 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES;

3 (C) A PERSON APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK KNOWLEDGEABLE
4 IN THE VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY;

5 (D) A PERSON APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS
6 KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE WILDLIFE LABORATORY;

7 (E) A PERSON APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE
8 ANALYTICAL LABORATORY; AND

9 (F) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, ONE PERSON
10 REPRESENTING THE UNIVERSITY AND ONE PERSON REPRESENTING MSU EXTENSION.

11 (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL ASSIST THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN INVESTIGATING A
12 PROCESS TO DEVELOP A LEASE CONTRACT.

13 (4) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MAY INVITE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL, STATE, OR
14 PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
15 REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION AND THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REGARDING PAST
16 STUDIES AND INFORMATION ON THE STATE LABS, INCLUDING THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY COMMISSIONED BY CHAPTER
17 352, LAWS OF 2017.

18 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL REPORT:

19 (A) ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL AND THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM
20 COMMITTEE ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND

21 (B) SUBMIT FINDINGS TO EACH COMMITTEE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2020.

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23 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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