

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING STATE AGENCIES TO FURTHER STUDY ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, the state of Montana has long valued the importance of modern, efficient, and reliable modes of transportation in the interest of the health and welfare of its citizenry and economy; and

WHEREAS, advances in electric vehicle technology are positioned to revolutionize the transportation industry with the promise of low-cost, high-performance commercial applications for public and private fleet and individual electric transport; and

WHEREAS, Montana's rich portfolio of clean energy resources represents a perpetual source of power to fuel future electric transport capable of generating significant economic growth, quality jobs and energy independence for the Treasure State; and

WHEREAS, electric transport represents a new and significant source of demand for the state's electric utilities, and a potentially important component to a highly interactive, smart electric grid; and

WHEREAS, a growing community of Montana businesses see opportunity, working with state electric utilities, to engage electric transport market infrastructure and service opportunities; and

WHEREAS, distributed electric charging infrastructure also represents a significant future energy storage and demand response technology capable of shaving burdensome and costly peak demand.

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

That it is in the state government's core interest to help identify the opportunities, and remove structural barriers, to the Montana utilities that would reasonably need to augment existing grid and energy production infrastructure for the emerging electric vehicle fleet.

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