

1 \_\_\_\_\_ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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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 TO INVESTIGATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY,  
6 REGULATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AND MONTANA'S PREPAREDNESS FOR ELECTRIC  
7 TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory  
27 committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to conduct a study of electric  
28 transportation in order to:

