

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

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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 ON PUBLIC CONTRACTS AND PREVAILING WAGE LAW.
67 WHEREAS, Montana's prevailing wage law applies to public works contracts exceeding \$25,000
8 entered into for construction or nonconstruction services by the state, a county, municipality, school district, or
9 political subdivision; and10 WHEREAS, the methods of establishing wage rates currently include wage surveys, special project
11 rates, valid collective bargaining agreements, and wage rates determined by the federal government; and12 WHEREAS, the existing intent, need, impacts, and criteria for establishing wage rates should be
13 reevaluated in the interest of all stakeholders, including Montana's taxpayers, WORKFORCE, AND STATEWIDE AND
14 LOCAL ECONOMIES.
1516 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
17 THE STATE OF MONTANA:18 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory
19 committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to:

20 (1) review and examine practices related to prevailing wage and public works contract law, including:

21 (a) the current method used to establish prevailing wage rates, including travel, per diem, zone pay,
22 and other rates;23 (b) the use of, intent of, and methods for the determination of prevailing wages in other comparable
24 states;

25 (c) the current responsibilities of the contracting agent, contractor, and subcontractor;

26 (d) the current methods for receiving and responding to wage complaints; ~~and~~27 (E) THE EFFECTS OF PREVAILING WAGE LAWS ON MONTANA'S OVERALL LABOR FORCE EARNINGS;28 (F) PREVAILING WAGE LAWS' IMPACTS ON MONTANA'S STATEWIDE AND LOCAL ECONOMIES;

