



A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1 IN MONTANA.

WHEREAS, deployment of next-generation 9-1-1 communications systems will enhance emergency response and public safety in Montana and will establish the foundation for public safety services in an increasingly mobile society; and

WHEREAS, the demands and challenges associated with evolving next generation 9-1-1 networks and technologies will require statewide innovation and coordination.

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

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to:

(1) assess the state and federal regulatory and statutory environment affecting next-generation 9-1-1; and

(2) study and make recommendations for the implementation, management, and operation and ongoing development of next-generation 9-1-1 emergency communications services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the development of a plan for advancing next-generation 9-1-1 in Montana must involve the participation of local, state, federal, and tribal stakeholders, including but not limited to a representative of the land information advisory council established in 90-1-405, a representative from the department of administration's public safety communications bureau, representatives of public safety emergency first responder groups, county government, law enforcement, disaster and emergency services, telecommunications service providers of emergency communications services serving urban and rural areas, and other stakeholders with an interest in next-generation 9-1-1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2016.

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 65th Legislature.

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