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1	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67
2	INTRODUCED BY C. KEOGH, D. BEDEY
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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 OF THE IMPACTS OF FEDERAL FUNDING CHANGES ON
6	THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER
7	EDUCATION; AND REQUIRING THAT THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 70TH
8	LEGISLATURE.
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10	WHEREAS, the federal government has recently made changes or has signaled potential changes to
11	federal funding provided to states; and
12	WHEREAS, the Office of Public Instruction budget is funded 86.1% by state dollars and 13.9% by
13	federal dollars; and
14	WHEREAS, the Office of Public Instruction currently has 71.9 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions that
15	are funded fully or partially using federal dollars; and
16	WHEREAS, the Office of Public Instruction has numerous programs, including state-level activities and
17	local-level activities programs, that rely on federal funding or receive a federal match to operate and remain
18	viable; and
19	WHEREAS, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education budget is funded 95% by state dollars
20	and 5% by federal dollars; and
21	WHEREAS, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education currently has 22.94 FTE positions that
22	are funded fully or partially using federal dollars; and
23	WHEREAS, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education has numerous programs, including the
24	Educational Outreach and Diversity, Workforce Development, and Guaranteed Student Loan programs, that
25	rely on federal funding or receive a federal match to operate and remain viable; and
26	WHEREAS, the impact of changes to federal funding may necessitate significant actions by Montana's
27	Executive and Legislative branches, including the replacement of lost funding, the development or modification
28	of programs or structures that are being reduced or eliminated through federal directives, the adjustment of



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1 budgets, and the provision of assistance to the many state employees whose positions are funded using federal 2 dollars and who may lose employment. 3 4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 5 THE STATE OF MONTANA: 6 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate the Legislative Finance Committee established 7 in section 5-12-201, MCA, to: 8 review the federal directives made since January 20, 2025, that affect the Office of Public (1) 9 Instruction and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education and analyze the impact on Montana citizens 10 and on local, tribal, and state government programs, including but not limited to the impacts on: 11 agency operations and budgets; (a) 12 (b) agency functions as a result of any reduction in personnel due to loss of federal funding; and 13 (c) sustainment of programs operated by the agency that utilize federal funding: 14 (2) analyze how the loss of revenue may result in a loss of agency operations and overall 15 functionality; and 16 analyze how a reduction in the federal workforce may impact the Office of Public Instruction (3) 17 and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education in relation to project operation and other functions. 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee present findings to appropriate interim committees, 19 including policy committees, the Modernization and Risk Analysis Committee, and interim budget committees. 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review 21 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2026. 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,



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comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 70th Legislature.