

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

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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 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND REQUIRING THAT THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE
7 REPORTED TO THE 70TH LEGISLATURE.
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9 WHEREAS, the federal government has recently made changes or has signaled potential changes to
10 federal funding provided to states; and

11 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation budget is funded 34.7% by state dollars and 65.3% by
12 federal dollars; and

13 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation currently has 2,041.77 full-time equivalent positions that
14 are funded fully or partially using federal funding; and

15 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has numerous programs, including the General
16 Operations, Highways and Engineering, Maintenance, Motor Carrier Services, Aeronautics, and Rail, Transit,
17 and Planning programs, that rely on federal funding or receive a federal match to operate and remain viable;
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19 WHEREAS, the impact of changes to federal funding may necessitate significant actions by Montana's
20 Executive and Legislative branches, including the replacement of lost funding, the development or modification
21 of programs or structures that are being reduced or eliminated through federal directives, the adjustment of
22 budgets, and the provision of assistance to the many state employees whose positions are funded using federal
23 dollars and who may lose employment.
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25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

27 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate the Legislative Finance Committee established
28 in section 5-12-201, MCA, to:

