

1 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

2 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory
3 committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, to study issues related to the production of food and the
4 consumption of food in the state.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee examine:

6 (1) the availability of food in the state;

7 (2) the production of food;

8 (3) the access to food by individuals or households;

9 (4) opportunities to add value in all sectors of agricultural production;

10 (5) existing programs and initiatives focused on food security and agricultural prosperity, including
11 programs funded with federal money or donations, such as the Farmers to Families Food Box Program;

12 (6) issues, challenges, and opportunities related to locally grown, accessed, processed, and
13 distributed food;

14 (7) the Made in Montana and Grown in Montana products programs; and

15 (8) challenges to food security, such as soil health and pollinator decline.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee consider how markets for the state's commodities
17 may affect the availability, production, access, and use of food by the state's citizens.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee examine this topic in collaboration with the general
19 public and the relevant state agencies and stakeholders, including but not limited to those with expertise in
20 agricultural production, livestock production, community food bank operations, the science of nutrition, and local
21 food growing and retailing.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
23 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2026.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
25 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 70th Legislature.

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