

28 WHEREAS, the executive residence has remained vacant since the Department of Administration

1 issued construction bids in September 2021; and

2 WHEREAS, the executive residence remains empty, costing the state \$100,000 a year, with no evident
3 plan to move forward with its renovation, use, replacement, or sale.

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

7 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory
8 committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, to:

9 (1) review the current state of the executive residence, including but not limited to:

10 (a) an in-person tour of the residence led by a Department of Administration representative; and

11 (b) a review of the Department of Administration's proposed renovation plans;

12 (2) develop a comprehensive list of "needs" that include only the renovations necessary to bring
13 the property up to building and city code compliance;

14 (3) develop a comprehensive list of "wants" that include secondary requests for nonessential
15 renovations;

16 (4) consider solutions to the property's state of disrepair, including but not limited to:

17 (a) funding for the renovation of the residence, partially or in full;

18 (b) demolition and new construction on the existing foundation;

19 (c) uses for the property other than as a primary residence; and

20 (d) sale of the property and uses of the sale profits; and

21 (5) consider plans for the appropriate use of the residence if not in use by the governor as the
22 executive residence.

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

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

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