



1 interlocks for all convicted drunk drivers, even for first-time offenders; and

2 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified strategies to prevent  
3 impaired driving; and

4 WHEREAS, DUI offenses continue to impact the safety of citizens on Montana roadways with 203  
5 fatalities in 2024 and 34 so far in 2025.

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

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

11 (1) review Montana's current statutory scheme related to driving under the influence of alcohol or  
12 drugs;

13 (2) evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of Montana's current DUI statutes, particularly the  
14 effectiveness of penalties in deterring offenses, and how Montana's laws compare or contrast to those of other  
15 states;

16 (3) examine Montana's current rates of incarceration due to DUI convictions, available treatment  
17 options for offenders, and possible alternatives to incarceration; and

18 (4) analyze factors that may contribute to the prevalence of DUI problems in Montana, including  
19 whether there is a culture of acceptance of driving under the influence and what, if anything, the Legislature  
20 might do to address this issue.

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

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

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