

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12
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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 ON ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION CAPACITY ON PATHS 8,
6 18, 80, AND 83 TO ANALYZE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MONTANA'S CITIZENS AND INDUSTRY DUE
7 TO THE OBSERVED CONGESTION AND CURTAILMENTS OF TRANSMISSION PATHWAYS; AND
8 REQUIRING THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 70TH LEGISLATURE.

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10 WHEREAS, Montana has the best resources for renewable energy in the West, and the demand for
11 Montana's renewable energy generation is increasing; and

12 WHEREAS, lack of access to lower-cost power in Montana has already resulted in the loss of large
13 industrial employers in the state and inhibits the ability to attract new businesses to Montana; and

14 WHEREAS, large industrial users of electricity wish for more options in requests for proposals to
15 address electricity needs; and

16 WHEREAS, Montana's neighboring states have more robust transmission infrastructure and available
17 capacity than Montana, and the state's energy infrastructure may become inadequate to serve demand; and

18 WHEREAS, a secure, reliable, and resilient power grid that integrates generation resources serves as
19 a foundation for an affordable and reliable power supply, a growing economy, and national security; and

20 WHEREAS, regulators, policymakers, citizens, and industry expect generating resources and the grid
21 to perform reliably.

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

25 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory
26 committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to:

- 27 (1) investigate issues relating to the available transmission capacity on transmission paths 8, 18,
28 80, and 83;

