_____ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE SHARING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM MONTANA DRIVER RECORDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 70TH LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Montana Driver Privacy Protection Act, passed in 2001, is to "create a more restrictive state version of the federal prohibition on release and use of certain personal information from state motor vehicle records, found in 18 U.S.C. 2721, to protect an individual's privacy, consistent with the Montana constitution, by prohibiting the disclosure and use of personal information contained in Montana motor vehicle records, except when that use may be authorized by law"; and

WHEREAS, according to the Act and pursuant to certain restrictions, the Montana Department of Transportation may disclose certain personal information from a person's driving record to a federal, state, or local government agency, or to a legitimate business or its agents, employees, or contractors; and

WHEREAS, to continue to protect and safeguard the privacy of Montanans, it is important to understand more about the process and impacts of the release of personal information from driving records by the Department of Transportation.

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

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to examine the release of personal information by the Department of Transportation in relation to:

(1) why personal information is shared and whether it is necessary;

(2) what personal information is shared and where that data is sent;

(3) how the personal information is used by the entities that receive it;

(4) how the sharing of personal information impacts individual Montanans;

(5) whether personal information sharing provides a source of revenue for the Department of Transportation;

(6) how the Department of Transportation tracks personal information sharing, including which organizations receive a person's data; and

(7) any information that can assist in understanding the process and impact of personal information sharing on the department and on individual Montanans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

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

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

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