

28 (3) assess how to best leverage existing community programs and identify what additional

1 supports and resources are necessary to establish community commitment programs;
2 (4) explore alternatives to court-ordered fitness evaluations and fitness restoration on the Montana
3 State Hospital campus and identify available programs that could perform fitness evaluations and restore
4 fitness in the county system; and

5 (5) project short-term and long-term bed space needs at the Montana State Hospital and compare
6 the cost of an increase in bed space at the hospital to the cost of developing community-based alternatives.

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

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

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

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