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1	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28
2	INTRODUCED BY COHENOUR, AUGARE, DUTTON, HENRY, L. JONES, MCALPIN, MENDENHALL,
3	NOONEY, POMNICHOWSKI, VILLA, WINDY BOY, WISEMAN
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5	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
6	MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF BUSINESSES INFRASTRUCTURE IN MONTANA AS IT
7	RELATES TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.
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9	WHEREAS, Montana is a part of the global marketplace as technology bridges the divide between local
10	businesses and the vibrant national economy and the world; and
11	WHEREAS, it is the innovation and initiative of entrepreneurs in the private sector that drive our economy
12	and provide for the quality of life that Americans enjoy; and
13	WHEREAS, even the most recent invention or well-crafted business plan needs an infrastructure in which
14	to prosper.
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16	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17	STATE OF MONTANA:
18	That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory
19	committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources:
20	(1) to analyze and study the state of "business infrastructure" in Montana, including:
21	(a) traditional land and air transportation systems, both internal to the state and with adjoining states
22	to determine feasibility for movement of merchandise manufactured within Montana and materials needed by
23	existing and potential businesses in the state;
24	(b) communication and technological systems, including but not limited to traditional and cell phone
25	coverage, Internet and wireless access, and teleconferencing, both statewide and at a microlevel in each or
26	Montana's urban centers; and
27	(c) current and potential businesses designed to assist entrepreneurship and provide logistical suppor
28	to small businesses, including but not limited to office parks designed for shared usage of administrative support
29	computers, technology, and meeting space; firms designed to allow for outsourcing of human resources, payroll
30	and accounting functions; and printing and shipping functions;

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(2) to identify areas in which legislatively initiated programs in other states have addressed the
development of any business infrastructure components listed in subsection (1), to be viewed by leaders in the
businesses community and included in subsequent public policy considerations.

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 presentations and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2008.

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 61st Legislature.

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