A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WHEREAS, artificial intelligence is a current and evolving technology having significant impacts on society; and

WHEREAS, many states have conducted studies, formed committees or task forces, developed regulations, and established laws in relation to artificial intelligence; and

WHEREAS, artificial intelligence should be studied to ensure its proper application and regulation in the state of Montana.

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:

(1)   examine current laws or regulations within this state, other states, and the federal government that have aided in creating regulatory structures for artificial intelligence and whether these measures are or would be similarly effective in this state;

(2)   using other state models, research an artificial intelligence code of ethics to be used by state agencies and an artificial intelligence bill of rights applicable to citizens;

(3)   examine transparency and disclosure requirements as well as civil and criminal liability for entities that develop or deploy artificial intelligence systems; and

(4)   assess the benefits and risks of artificial intelligence to state agencies and to the rights and interests of Montana residents, including the impact of artificial intelligence on employment, constitutional and

legal rights, privacy interests, and economic welfare in this state.

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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Legislative Services Division

I hereby certify that the within bill,

HJ 4, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this _____day

of_____, 2025.

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President of the Senate

Signed this _____day
of_____, 2025.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

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Study: HJ 4 Interim study of artificial intelligence

Interim Study Poll Rank: __13__

Staff Recommendation: Assign to Energy and Technology Interim Committee

Workload projection: __Low to High__

Estimated LSD staff time: __432 to 1,728__ hours

Preliminary Analysis

Summary of study directives:
The goals of this study of artificial intelligence (AI) are to:
- review state and federal regulatory structures for AI and whether the measures may be effective in Montana;
- examine transparency and disclosure requirements and civil and criminal liability for entities that use AI systems;
- assess the benefits and risks of artificial intelligence to state agencies and to the rights and interests of Montana residents, including the impact on employment, constitutional and legal rights, privacy interests, and economic welfare; and
- research an artificial intelligence code of ethics to be used by state agencies and an artificial intelligence bill of rights applicable to citizens.

Preliminary study approach:

OPTION A 0.60 FTE (HIGH)	OPTION B 0.45 FTE (MODERATE)	OPTION C 0.15 FTE (LOW)
• **All of option B** • Develop AI code of ethics for state agencies and bill of rights for citizens	• **All of option C** • More detailed review of other state/federal AI regulatory structures • Identify benefits and risks of AI to state agencies and to the rights of citizens with attention to employment, legal rights, privacy, and economic welfare	• Review Montana laws and regulations on transparency requirements and civil and criminal liability for entities that use AI • Panel on how state agencies currently use and regulate AI • Presentation from national expert on state/federal AI regulatory structures

Option D: The committee may determine not to allocate any time to this study.

Recent study or research products on this topic? ___ Yes _X_ No
If yes, explain:

Additional considerations

Data/visual analysis opportunities? _X_ Yes ___ No
If yes, explain: The study could include a map classifying state regulatory structures and a visual analysis of how AI is used in Montana and other states.

Agency/stakeholder involvement:
National Conference of State Legislatures and Council of State Governments may be useful for preliminary understanding of state/federal regulatory structures. The State Information Technology Services Division likely has information about state use of AI and can direct staff to agencies currently using AI.

Potential additional costs (field trips, out-of-town meetings): ___ Yes _X_ No
If yes, explain:

Interim FTE Equivalents

1 Interim FTE = 16.5 months = 2880 hrs.

.05 FTE	144 Hours	18 days	LOW
.10 FTE	288 Hours	36 days	LOW
.25 FTE	720 Hours	90 days	MODERATE
.50 FTE	1440 hours	180 days	MODERATE
.75 FTE	2160 hours	270 days	HIGH
1 FTE	2880 hours	360 days	HIGH