

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 579

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6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MILITARY STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC  
7 IMPACT TASK FORCE CONCERNING RETENTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS  
8 AND FORCE STRUCTURES TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MONTANA;  
9 ALLOCATING THE TASK FORCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE  
10 PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP, EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT, AND DUTIES;  
11 PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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13 WHEREAS, the Montana National Guard provides more than \$182 million in economic impetus to the  
14 State of Montana, and the total federal economic impetus of the Montana Department of Military Affairs and the  
15 National Guard to the State of Montana is over \$196 million; and

16 WHEREAS, Malmstrom Air Force Base provides more than \$610 million in economic impetus to the State  
17 of Montana, airmen stationed at Malmstrom own an estimated 1,116 homes in Montana, military construction and  
18 service contracts provide more than \$34 million to local developers, the base spends more than \$10.4 million for  
19 utilities, and Malmstrom services more than 7,000 miles of roads in Montana, which benefits Montana's  
20 commerce; and

21 WHEREAS, the federal sequestration, fiscal cliff, base realignment and closure activities, and other  
22 cost-cutting measures will put current military missions and assets in Montana and, therefore, Montana's  
23 economic well-being at risk now and well into the future; and

24 WHEREAS, states with military missions and assets have formed statewide advocacy groups to help  
25 protect existing military force structures in their states, identify new missions, educate the public, and promote  
26 economic development tied to the military, and Montana is the last state to lack such a statewide organization,  
27 which clearly affects Montana's ability to be successful as national cuts to the military are implemented.

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
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1            NEW SECTION. Section 1. Montana military STRATEGIC AND economic impact task force --  
 2 membership -- compensation -- duties. (1) (A) There is a Montana military STRATEGIC AND economic impact  
 3 task force consisting of five SEVEN voting MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
 4 PERSON OR ENTITIES, IF APPLICABLE, AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (1)(B) and two UP TO THREE nonvoting  
 5 members, as follows: APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATURE. EACH MEMBER MUST BE A RESIDENT OF MONTANA.

6            ~~(a) The voting members are:~~  
 7            ~~—— (i) the adjutant general, who shall represent the Montana national guard;~~  
 8            ~~—— (ii) a member appointed by the governor to represent Montana's business community;~~  
 9            ~~—— (iii) a member appointed by the highest ranking active component military commander on active duty in~~  
 10 ~~Montana to be a liaison to the task force if the commander agrees to make the appointment. If the commander~~  
 11 ~~is unwilling or unable to make the appointment, the member must be appointed by the governmental body of the~~  
 12 ~~county where the military has the highest economic impact in the state:~~  
 13            ~~—— (iv) a veteran of the armed forces appointed by the governor who is knowledgeable about active and~~  
 14 ~~reserve component force structures and how various force structures may be configured in Montana to support~~  
 15 ~~national defense missions as well as state disaster and emergency services; and~~  
 16            ~~—— (v) a member with knowledge of the employment challenges experienced by national guard and federal~~  
 17 ~~reserve members during and after their service, to be appointed by the Montana department of military affairs.~~

18            (B) THE VOTING MEMBERS MUST BE AS FOLLOWS:  
 19            (I) THE ADJUTANT GENERAL;  
 20            (II) A MEMBER REPRESENTING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AS RECOMMENDED BY A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION  
 21 THAT REPRESENTS MONTANA BUSINESSES;  
 22            (III) A MEMBER REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY IN MONTANA AS RECOMMENDED  
 23 BY THE STATE'S HIGHEST ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY COMMANDER OR, IN THE ABSENCE OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE  
 24 COMMANDER, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE MILITARY HAS THE HIGHEST ECONOMIC IMPACT IN  
 25 THE STATE;  
 26            (IV) A MEMBER REPRESENTING VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES;  
 27            (V) A MEMBER WITH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED BY NATIONAL GUARD AND  
 28 FEDERAL RESERVE SERVICE MEMBERS AS RECOMMENDED BY A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT ADVOCATES FOR SERVICE  
 29 MEMBERS AND THEIR EMPLOYERS;  
 30            (VI) A MEMBER REPRESENTING THE ENLISTED MEN AND WOMAN OF THE ARMED FORCES AS RECOMMENDED BY

- 1 A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS THE ENLISTED MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES;  
 2 (VII) A MEMBER REPRESENTING MILITARY AND AEROSPACE MANUFACTURING IN MONTANA AS RECOMMENDED BY  
 3 A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS MANUFACTURING BUSINESS IN MONTANA.
- 4 ~~(b)~~(c) The nonvoting members are:
- 5 (i) a state senator appointed by the president of the senate;  
 6 (ii) a state representative appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- 7 (III) A STATE SENATOR OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE SELECTED JOINTLY BY THE MINORITY LEADERS OF THE SENATE  
 8 AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARE CONTROLLED BY THE  
 9 SAME PARTY.
- 10 (2) (a) The task force shall elect a presiding officer from among its voting members. Task force meetings  
 11 are subject to the open meetings laws provided in Title 2, chapter 3, part 2.
- 12 (b) The task force is allocated to the department of commerce for administrative purposes only, as  
 13 provided in 2-15-121, which shall provide staff and administrative support to the task force.
- 14 (c) Task force members are entitled to reimbursement for expenses as provided in 2-18-501 through  
 15 2-18-503.
- 16 (3) The purpose of the task force is to:
- 17 (a) advocate for retention and development of military missions, installations, and force structures that  
 18 provide economic development opportunities in Montana AND SERVE A ROLE IN THE DEFENSE STRATEGY OF THE  
 19 NATION; and
- 20 (b) educate the public, legislature, and congressional delegation about the economic AND STRATEGIC  
 21 impact of current and future military development in Montana.
- 22 (4) In fulfilling its purpose under subsection (3), the task force shall:
- 23 (a) examine potential base realignment and closure actions;  
 24 (b) study the economic impact that the active and reserve component military missions and force  
 25 structures in Montana have on Montana's economy AND THE STRATEGIC IMPACT FOR THE NATION OF THOSE  
 26 PROGRAMS AND ASSETS;
- 27 (c) develop a strategic plan for how to position Montana with respect to potential base realignment and  
 28 closure actions so that Montana has the best possible opportunity to retain and develop future military economic  
 29 development opportunities AND TO PLAY A ROLE IN THE NATION'S STRATEGY FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE;
- 30 (d) provide regular updates on task force activities to the governor, the president of the senate, and the

1 speaker of the house;

2 (e) prepare reports and presentations consistent with its purpose and duties;

3 (f) lobby members of congress and act as a liaison with civilian and military personnel engaged in making  
4 decisions concerning current and potential military missions and active and reserve component force structures  
5 in Montana; and

6 (g) work and coordinate with other local and state military advocacy organizations as necessary.

7 (5) ~~A member's term of office is 4 years~~ MEMBERS MUST BE APPOINTED TO 4-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS. A  
8 legislative member may continue to serve for the 4 years even if the member's legislative term expires. A member  
9 appointed to fill a vacancy may serve only for the remainder of the previous member's term. A member may be  
10 reappointed.

11 (6) THE TASK FORCE SHALL FORMULATE A BUDGET AND SUBMIT A COPY OF THAT BUDGET TO THE STATE  
12 ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE BY DECEMBER 31, 2013.

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14 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriations. There is appropriated from the general fund to the  
15 department of commerce:

16 (1) \$250,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2015, for the conduct of the study described in [section  
17 1(4)]; and

18 (2) \$163,000 in each year of the biennium ending June 30, 2015, for the purposes of implementing  
19 [section 1].

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21 NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF STAGGERED APPOINTMENTS. TO IMPLEMENT THE  
22 STAGGERED APPOINTMENT CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN [SECTION 1(5)], THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING  
23 MEMBERS OF THE MONTANA MILITARY STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC IMPACT TASK FORCE MUST BE FOR 2 YEARS:

24 (1) THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED UNDER [SECTION 1(1)(B)(II)];

25 (2) THE ACTIVE DUTY LIAISON MEMBER APPOINTED UNDER [SECTION 1(1)(B)(III)]; AND

26 (3) THE EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGES MEMBER APPOINTED UNDER [SECTION 1(1)(B)(V)].

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28 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
29 integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 18, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 18, apply to [section 1].

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1 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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