

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16  
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF TRAFFIC INCIDENTS INVOLVING BICYCLES AND  
6 MOTOR VEHICLES.

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8 WHEREAS, 10 bicyclists have been killed on Montana highways since 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, many Montana residents and visitors choose bicycles as a primary mode of transportation  
10 and recreation; and

11 WHEREAS, bicyclists put themselves at considerable risk of harm when sharing the road with  
12 motorists; and

13 WHEREAS, in order to promote the safety of both bicyclists and motorists, it is necessary for the  
14 Legislature to develop a clear understanding of the factors contributing to traffic incidents between bicycles and  
15 motor vehicles.

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

19 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory  
20 committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA to:

- 21 (1) examine data related to the number and nature of traffic incidents that have occurred in the  
22 state within the last 5 years involving both bicycles and motor vehicles for which police reports were generated;  
23 (2) examine the circumstances of incidents involving bicycles and motor vehicles, including but not  
24 limited to any contributing factors, causes, or trends; and  
25 (3) identify areas of law that promote or inhibit the safety of bicyclists traveling on public highways.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interim committee collaborate with relevant stakeholders to  
27 examine this topic, including but not limited to the Department of Justice and the Department of Transportation.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any findings or conclusions be presented to and reviewed by an

1 appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review  
3 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2024.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,  
5 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 69th Legislature.

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