

## 1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

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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 REGARDING THE USE OF QUICK RESPONSE CODES AT  
6 MONTANA STATE PARK FACILITIES, HIGHWAY HISTORICAL MARKERS, THE CAPITOL COMPLEX, AND  
7 OTHER STATE-OWNED HERITAGE PROPERTIES.

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9 WHEREAS, quick response codes are a form of two-dimensional bar code capable of encoding a large  
10 amount of information, such as website addresses, text information, and contact information;

11 WHEREAS, cell phone users can read and process information from a web page identified in a quick  
12 response code by scanning the code; and

13 WHEREAS, quick response codes are used to disseminate information about state parks in California,  
14 Indiana, Michigan, and other states and are used by the National Park Service and other federal agencies;

15 WHEREAS, the Pew Internet and American Life Project of the Pew Research Center estimates that more  
16 than half of all cell phone users access the Internet by using their cell phones;

17 WHEREAS, the Montana State Parks Division estimated that 2 million visitors visited state parks during  
18 2012;

19 WHEREAS, information from a quick response code could enhance the experience of those visiting  
20 Montana's state parks.

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

24 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory  
25 committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to:

26 (1) evaluate the use of digital information offered at Montana state parks, highway historical markers,  
27 the capitol complex, and other state-owned heritage properties; and

28 (2) investigate options for use of quick response codes for visitors and users at Montana state parks,  
29 highway historical markers, the capitol complex, and other state-owned heritage properties.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be

1 presented to and reviewed by an 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, 2014.

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 64th Legislature.

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