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12 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
13 MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS; AND REQUIRING
14 THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 69TH LEGISLATURE.

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16 WHEREAS, an accessory dwelling unit is an often smaller, independent residential dwelling unit
17 located on the same lot as an existing residence and may be detached, attached, or located on the interior of
18 the existing structure; and

19 WHEREAS, accessory dwelling units have become more popular across the United States in areas
20 experiencing high housing costs, such as Montana, since an accessory dwelling unit allows for additional,
21 affordable housing stock and may alleviate housing shortages; and

22 WHEREAS, the addition of many accessory dwelling units in cities and counties raises possible
23 concerns for infrastructure capacity, including adequate water, sewer, and storm water drainage facilities,
24 whether the addition of multiple accessory dwelling units changes the nature of a neighborhood, and whether
25 additional dedicated parking should be provided for lots with an accessory dwelling unit; and

26 WHEREAS, other restrictions to allowing more accessory dwelling units, such as covenant restrictions,
27 homeowners' association bylaws, local fees, or other local ordinances or regulations, such as zoning
28 regulations, may discourage the use of accessory dwelling units; and

