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9 WHEREAS, understanding the effectiveness of safety services helps to identify the best practices for  
10 preventing workplace injuries, which is the most cost-effective approach to managing workers' compensation;  
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WHEREAS, effective safety programs lead to healthier, safer work environments, which benefit both employees and employers through fewer lost workdays and improved productivity; and

WHEREAS, studying safety service delivery helps policymakers design evidence-based regulations  
and incentives that encourage employers to invest in workplace safety; and

WHEREAS, analyzing how safety services are delivered ensures that resources are used effectively and that safety service providers are held accountable for their performance; and

WHEREAS, the Montana State Fund owns 60% of the private workers' compensation market and therefore has the largest opportunity to influence safety practices; and

22 WHEREAS, the Legislature has an interest in ensuring limited safety services are leveraged in the best  
23 interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, understanding whether safety resources are being used in the most dangerous industries  
and by high-risk employers is beneficial for policymakers to determine funding, incentives, and priorities.

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27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF

28 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

1           That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory  
2   committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, to review the Montana State Fund safety program.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study investigate:

4           (1)       disbursement of Montana State Fund monies earmarked for safety programs, including but not  
5       limited to funds used for advertising, education, associations, training, marketing, and travel; and

6 (2) why Montana consistently has one of the nation's highest rates of workplace deaths.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interim committee work with stakeholders, including the  
8 Montana State Fund, the Department of Labor and Industry, business owners, and representatives of the labor  
9 force.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review  
11 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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