

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 74
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6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
7 MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY EXAMINING WATER REUSE; AND REQUIRING THAT THE
8 FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 70TH LEGISLATURE.

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10 WHEREAS, Montana's water resources are of exceptional quality and are a valuable resource to the
11 residents of the state; and

12 WHEREAS, water reuse, also known as water recycling, is a process in which wastewater is purified
13 for a designated beneficial freshwater purpose; and

14 WHEREAS, the potential uses of recycled water include agricultural, industrial, and municipal
15 purposes; and

16 WHEREAS, water reuse is a tool to promote sustainable and resilient water supplies and protect
17 environmentally sensitive resources; and

18 WHEREAS, there may exist technical, regulatory, financial, and educational roadblocks preventing the
19 implementation of water reuse programs in Montana; and

20 WHEREAS, individualizing levels of treatment for specific uses is more cost and energy efficient than a
21 standardized treatment approach; and

22 WHEREAS, opportunities for water reuse may be underexplored in Montana.

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

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

28 (1) examine existing statutes and administrative rules related to water reuse;

