

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Hathaway House Bill Number 712

Legislative Action:

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Delegation: Bozeman High School

Senate: _____

Governor: _____

Referred to Committee: Hathaway House Red Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "Increased Prevention, Increased Lives"

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

3 **SECTION 1: INTENT:** To help ensure that Montana’s tobacco prevention program follows the
4 funding recommendations of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
5 (CDC) as well as ensuring that the State of Montana provide adequate funding for the purpose of
6 youth tobacco use prevention.

7 **SECTION 2: ACTION:** THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL "Increased Prevention, Increased
8 Lives" will:

9 A. Increase taxes on cigarettes from \$1.70 to \$1.90 per pack.

10 B. Increase the funds allotted by the State of Montana for tobacco use prevention from \$6.9
11 million to the CDC recommended \$13 million using the funds generated by the tax increase on
12 cigarettes.

13 C. From the \$13 million budgeted for tobacco prevention, allocate \$5 million toward the use of
14 tobacco prevention programs especially targeted toward Montana’s youth.

15 **SECTION 3: FUNDING:** No funding beyond the tax increases already mentioned will be
16 needed for this bill.

17 **SECTION 4: ENACTMENT:** This bill will be effective 90 days upon passage.

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