

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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House Bill Number 324

Legislative Action:

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House Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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House: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation: Great Falls

Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

Governor: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to Committee: House Natural Resources & Transportation Committee

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE FURTHER  
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE ALTERNATIVE  
3 ENERGY SOURCES FOR THE STATE OF MONTANA."  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:  
5 WHEREAS: "Environmentally responsible alternative energy sources" will be defined as energy  
6 sources which are not based on the burning of fossil fuels or the splitting of atoms.  
7 WHEREAS: Global warming presents a constantly growing threat to the global environment. As  
8 citizens of the global community, it is our responsibility to make every effort to increase the  
9 longevity of our planet and its resources.  
10 WHEREAS: Montana is well-placed to be on the cutting edge of renewable energy research and  
11 implementation, given the state's diverse terrain and agricultural economy.  
12 Section 1: A committee formed by House Bill \_\_\_\_\_ will compile an in-depth report on the  
13 most recent developments in alternative energy research, to be submitted to the Montana  
14 Department of Energy biannually, for distribution to Montana farmers, corporations and  
15 businesses who desire further knowledge of environmentally responsible resources. Subscription  
16 to this report will be obtained for a fee of no more than \$50.

17 Section 2: The recipients of this biannual report will have access to experts in the fields of  
18 pertinent and applicable environmental research through contacts forged by the aforementioned  
19 committee, for the purpose of obtaining information on the practical application of responsible  
20 energy sources.

21 Section 3: These sources will include, but are not limited to: solar, wind, hydroelectric,  
22 geothermal and bio-fuel sources of energy. The committee will establish other acceptable  
23 sources pending further research.

24 Section 4: Subsidies will be given to Montana farmers, corporations and businesses who  
25 implement these energy sources. The monetary amount of these subsidies will be set by the  
26 committee. The percent of total annual energy consumption that is derived from the above  
27 sources will dictate the monetary amount of compensation for each participating farmer,  
28 corporation or business.

29 Section 5: The funding for this endeavor will come from the General Fund, augmented by the  
30 small fee paid by participants. Certain monies will be earmarked for organization, research and  
31 compensation for environmentally conscious citizens.

32 Section 6: This act will take effect two fiscal years after its passage.

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