

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Senate Bill Number 142

Legislative Action

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Delegation: Southwestern Montana Family YMCA
 Referred to Committee Senate Business & Taxation Committee

1. A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: **“THE PROTECTION OF MONTANA’S
 2. RANCHES, AND FARMS”**

3. Purpose: The ranching and farming aspect of Montana’s industrial base is a
 4. withering part of our economy. This basis also holds a good sized portion of the
 5. middle class and lower class Montanans. The people in these professions within
 6. Montana’s agricultural industries are in risk of losing their jobs, and are being
 7. faced with poverty.

8. Section 1: This bill will create improvements of policies in order to assist our
 9. agricultural industries. These policy changes will consist of four main steps:

10. Step 1: The creation of grants to exist small farms and ranches (<100
 11. acres). These grants will range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 depending on their
 12. financial situation. The first requirement is a 45% increase in the farm’s/ranch’s
 13. value within 2 years. The secondary requirement would be the owners must live
 14. on the land for 6 years before selling, and 8 before subdividing.

15. Step 2: The creation of a state run insurance company that would provide
 16. low cost dental, medical, and other services. This company will pay 50/50 dental
 17. with eye and a \$50 deductible per person, 82% medical with \$500 yearly
 18. deductible per family, \$15 prescription co-pay, and 55% other expenses.

19. Step 3: A creation of a land grant for the purpose of creating small farms
 20. and ranches. The plot size shall vary from 20 to 70 acres. The application must
 21. include a \$1,000 earnest money in order to gain a 20 acre plot, \$1,500 earnest
 22. money in order to gain a 30 acre plot, \$2,000 earnest money in order to gain a 40
 23. acre plot, etc, with a business plan.

24. Step 4: The creation of applications for a 10% income tax cut for these land grant farms,
 or ranches.

25. Section 2: This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passing.