

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

HHB 722

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Delegation: Bozeman

Legislative Action:
House Committee: _____
House: _____
Senate Committee: _____
Senate: _____
Governor: _____

Referred to Committee: Hathaway House Red Committee

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "Preventing Economic Collapse"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

1. **SECTION 1.** While the price of gas in the Montana is high, it is not nearly high
2. enough to encourage the use of alternative fuel sources. Until the price of gas is
3. comparable to that of other fuel sources, such other sources will not be used.
4. Furthermore, gas prices are expected to remain high until the world's oil supply is
5. depleted. As such, if alternative fuel sources were adopted, even at an exorbitant
6. cost, money would, in fact, be saved in the long run. For, once alternative fuel
7. sources are adopted and widely used, prices would fall below current gas prices.
8. By Increasing the price of gas in Montana, this bill will both reduce the states'
9. dependence on gas, promote research and application of alternative fuel
10. sources, and prevent depression or economic collapse in both Montana and the
11. United States. Increasing the price of gas in Montana will drastically raise oil
12. prices, making it cost effective to use alternative fuel sources.
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14. **SECTION 2.** The state of Montana will encourage the use and research of alternative
15. fuel sources, as well as reduce dependence on gas by Increasing the price of gas
16. each year, based on statistics from 2007, by fifty percent. This will decrease the
17. gas used in the United States is produced within the United States. No funding
18. is foreseen for this bill. Any funding that may be needed, however, will be drawn

19. from the current United States Department of Energy budget.
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21. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the United States Department of Commerce.
22. **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted on the first day of the next fiscal year

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