

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

ISB 522

Legislative Action:

House Committee: _____

House: _____

Senate Committee: _____

Senate: _____

Governor: _____

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Delegation: Bozeman High School

Referred to Committee: Ingalls Senate Silver Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REOPEN THE SOUTHERN
2 MONTANA AMTRAK RAILROAD LINE"

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4 **Section 1. Intent** - To provide an environmentally friendly and cheaper long
5 distance form of transportation for a much broader population than what the
6 Northern railroad line already serves.

7 **Section 2. Findings** - The Northern railroad route from Chicago to Seattle now runs
8 through northern Montana and Idaho but if the train or a new train was put on the
9 preexisting southern route passing through Bozeman and Missoula a much greater
10 population would be served also helping Montana closer to it's goals of a greener
11 state.

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13 **Section 3. Action** - By the summer of 2011 the southern Amtrak railroad line will be
14 open for public transportation and a train put on it. In addition an incentive would
15 be given to Amtrak of 0% state tax for the first two years of the operation of the new
16 line.

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18 **Section 4. Funding & Enforcement** - Funding if needed would come from the
19 department of transportation and is effective upon passage.