

## 1 SENATE BILL NO. 50

2 INTRODUCED BY MCGEE

3 BY REQUEST OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

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 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS LOAN LAWS;  
 6 INCREASING THE LOAN ELIGIBILITY AMOUNT FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR SMALL  
 7 BUSINESSES, INDIVIDUALS, UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, UNITS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, AND  
 8 NONPROFIT ENTITIES; ALLOWING NONPROFIT ENTITIES, UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND UNITS  
 9 OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEM LOANS; ALLOWING  
 10 ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEM LOANS;  
 11 PROVIDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WITH ADDITIONAL RULEMAKING  
 12 AUTHORITY REGARDING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA; CLARIFYING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR LOANS;  
 13 AMENDING SECTIONS 75-25-101 AND 75-25-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE  
 14 DATE."

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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18 **Section 1.** Section 75-25-101, MCA, is amended to read:

19 **"75-25-101. Alternative energy revolving loan account.** (1) There is a special revenue account called  
 20 the alternative energy revolving loan account to the credit of the department of environmental quality.

21 (2) The alternative energy revolving loan account consists of money deposited into the account from  
 22 air quality penalties from 75-2-401 and 75-2-413 and money from any other source. Any interest earned by the  
 23 account and any interest that is generated from a loan repayment must be deposited into the account and used  
 24 to sustain the program.

25 (3) Funds from the alternative energy revolving loan account may be used to provide loans to  
 26 individuals, ~~and~~ small businesses, UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, UNITS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, and nonprofit  
 27 organizations for the purpose of building alternative energy systems, as defined in 15-32-102, ~~for residences,~~  
 28 ~~and small businesses, and nonprofit organizations:~~

29 (a) to generate energy for their own use; ~~and~~

30 (b) for net metering as defined in 69-8-103; and

