

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 66  
1st Reading Copy

Requested by Senators Gillan and Essmann

For the Senate Taxation Committee

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1. Title, line 5.

**Following:** "INVESTMENTS"

**Insert:** "IN THE EASTERN MONTANA ENTERPRISE ZONE"

2. Title, line 9.

**Following:** "IN"

**Insert:** "THE EASTERN"

**Following:** "MONTANA"

**Insert:** "ENTERPRISE ZONE; ESTABLISHING THE EASTERN MONTANA  
ENTERPRISE ZONE; MAKING FINDINGS AS TO THE CREATION OF THE  
ZONE"

3. Page 1, line 27.

**Strike:** the second "in"

**Insert:** "the eastern"

**Following:** "Montana"

**Insert:** "enterprise zone established in [section 3]"

4. Page 2, line 1.

**Following:** "year"

**Insert:** "in the eastern Montana enterprise zone"

5. Page 2, line 9.

**Strike:** "this state"

**Insert:** "the eastern Montana enterprise zone"

6. Page 2, line 11.

**Following:** "in"

**Insert:** "the eastern"

**Following:** "Montana"

**Insert:** "enterprise zone"

7. Page 2, line 24.

**Insert:** "NEW SECTION. Section 3. Eastern Montana enterprise

zone -- purpose and findings -- establishment -- area. (1) (a) The purpose of creating the eastern Montana enterprise zone is to target an investment tax credit to an area that is not experiencing investment. In other areas of the state, investment is made without any need for tax incentives. Most incentives would be paid for investments that would have been made during the normal course of business.

(b) The legislature finds many counties east of the continental divide are experiencing no development and are essentially withering economically without hope of competing with other Montana counties for business opportunities. Although none of the counties in the eastern Montana enterprise zone fare worse in all criteria than counties that are not in the zone, they all suffer from geographic isolation, a declining and aging population, poverty levels below the state average, low median values of owner-occupied homes, and virtually no residential construction. For these reasons, the legislature finds that the creation of the eastern Montana enterprise zone, consisting of the counties listed in subsection (3), allows the targeted use of special economic development treatment that is in the best interests of all Montanans.

(2) There is an eastern Montana enterprise zone made of the counties listed in subsection (3).

(3) The counties constituting the eastern Montana enterprise zone are Blaine, Carter, Daniels, Dawson, Garfield, Fallon, Hill, McCone, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Power River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Toole, Treasure, Valley, and Wibaux Counties."

**Renumber:** subsequent sections

8. Page 2, line 27.

**Strike:** "[Section 2] is"

**Insert:** "[Sections 2 and 3] are"

9. Page 2, line 28.

**Strike:** "section"

**Insert:** "sections"

**Following:** "2"

**Insert:** "and 3"

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