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HB 301

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RE: Oppose HB 301

Montanans For Multiple Use believes HB 301 is an example of needless frivolous legislation that does not address a significant public need. There is nothing wrong with the existing Montana Energy Policy 90-4-101 MCA. Adding all the buzzwords out of the environmental obstructionist manuals will only invite more costly litigation and in increased energy costs, and reduced supply. Too many Montanans are too poor to heat their homes and drive their own car already, because Montana's average annual wage per job has been for years at the bottom ranking in the Nation. See attached data fromUS Department of Commerce. The gap between Montana's average wage per job and the National Average continues to widen.

Please kill HB 301 and spend Legislative time and resources on promoting the health, safety and general welfare of your constituents.

Respectfully,

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Average Wage Per Job*

Area Name	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Rank 2005	% Change 2000-2005	% Change Rank 2000-2005	% Change 2004-2005	% Change Rank 2004-2005
United States	34,718	35,582	36,150	37,169	38,792	40,146	--	15.6	--	3.5	--
Alabama	28,453	29,436	30,480	31,566	32,721	33,965	32	19.4	12	3.8	17
Alaska	34,584	35,744	37,001	37,846	39,118	40,409	14	16.8	29	3.3	32
Arizona	32,263	33,023	33,706	34,697	36,289	37,840	22	17.3	26	4.3	10
Arkansas	25,784	26,632	27,461	28,268	29,624	30,645	46	18.9	18	3.4	29
California	40,397	40,619	40,610	41,830	44,039	45,778	6	13.3	45	3.9	15
Colorado	36,478	37,252	37,384	38,298	39,672	41,062	12	12.6	48	3.5	26
Connecticut	44,484	45,947	45,864	47,334	49,899	51,805	2	16.5	31	3.8	16
Delaware	35,750	37,502	38,733	40,116	41,671	43,746	8	22.4	4	5.0	4
District of Columbia	52,634	55,379	57,396	59,626	63,247	66,018	1	25.4	1	4.4	7
Florida	30,296	31,297	32,257	33,360	34,981	36,583	25	20.8	10	4.6	5
Georgia	33,687	34,559	35,178	36,116	37,371	38,632	20	14.7	41	3.4	30
Hawaii	30,541	31,304	32,898	34,107	35,792	37,098	23	21.5	6	3.6	21
Idaho	27,094	27,186	27,721	28,200	29,423	30,586	47	12.9	47	4.0	14
Illinois	37,440	38,475	39,141	39,988	41,723	43,165	9	15.3	36	3.5	28
Indiana	30,401	31,129	31,959	32,754	34,109	34,856	30	14.7	42	2.2	46
Iowa	27,282	28,159	28,952	30,061	31,419	32,389	42	18.7	20	3.1	36
Kanses	28,766	29,540	30,216	30,948	32,240	33,385	35	16.1	33	3.6	24
Kentucky	28,174	29,334	30,302	31,250	32,552	33,513	33	19.0	17	3.0	40
Louisiana	27,333	28,548	29,492	30,284	31,411	33,046	38	20.9	9	5.2	2
Maine	27,240	28,306	29,278	30,347	31,566	32,355	43	18.8	19	2.5	46
Maryland	35,976	37,640	38,840	40,231	42,140	43,921	7	22.1	5	4.2	12
Massachusetts	43,218	43,842	43,888	45,184	47,766	48,960	4	13.3	46	2.5	45
Michigan	36,340	36,756	37,519	38,790	39,756	40,605	13	11.7	49	2.1	49
Minnesota	34,660	35,801	36,670	37,772	39,544	39,957	15	15.3	37	1.0	51
Mississippi	24,724	25,414	26,202	27,200	28,194	29,413	49	19.0	16	4.3	9
Missouri	30,802	31,740	32,527	33,257	34,330	35,448	28	15.1	38	3.3	35
Montana	**24,084**	**24,959**	**25,923**	**26,814**	**27,750**	**29,139**	**50**	**21.0**	**8**	**5.0**	**3**
Nebraska	27,724	28,456	29,464	30,423	31,646	32,583	41	17.5	25	3.0	38
Nevada	32,778	33,572	34,518	35,879	37,685	39,281	18	19.8	11	4.2	11
New Hampshire	33,945	34,689	35,374	36,539	38,451	39,794	16	17.2	28	3.5	27
New Jersey	42,899	43,497	44,323	45,576	47,226	48,622	5	13.3	44	3.0	39

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New Mexico	27,567	28,718	29,689	30,468	31,683	32,876	39	19.3	13	3.8	18
New York	44,737	46,024	45,631	46,582	49,186	51,165	3	14.4	43	4.0	13
North Carolina	30,568	31,505	32,140	33,018	34,344	35,549	27	16.3	32	3.5	25
North Dakota	24,348	25,365	26,269	27,413	28,789	29,818	48	22.5	3	3.6	23
Ohio	31,913	32,647	33,548	34,499	35,809	36,702	24	15.0	40	2.5	47
Oklahoma	26,564	27,520	28,208	29,380	30,436	31,482	44	18.4	22	3.4	31
Oregon	32,215	32,590	32,987	33,426	34,565	35,846	26	11.3	50	3.7	20
Pennsylvania	33,299	34,193	35,047	36,240	37,761	38,845	19	16.7	30	2.9	42
Rhode Island	31,912	32,898	34,153	35,742	36,930	38,043	21	19.2	14	3.0	37
South Carolina	27,712	28,722	29,523	30,335	31,477	32,609	40	17.7	23	3.6	22
South Dakota	24,323	25,151	26,043	26,914	28,031	28,951	51	19.0	15	3.3	34
Tennessee	29,966	30,885	31,921	32,946	34,261	35,241	29	17.6	24	2.9	43
Texas	34,346	35,376	35,615	36,414	37,976	39,637	17	15.4	35	4.4	8
Utah	28,823	29,677	30,301	30,901	31,965	33,150	36	15.0	39	3.7	19
Vermont	28,161	29,428	30,136	31,249	32,500	33,425	34	18.7	21	2.8	44
Virginia	34,763	36,245	36,906	38,319	40,291	42,089	10	21.1	7	4.5	6
Washington	37,423	37,590	38,381	39,141	40,357	41,525	11	11.0	51	2.9	41
West Virginia	26,335	27,407	28,044	28,778	29,896	30,879	45	17.3	27	3.3	33
Wisconsin	30,087	30,936	31,876	32,762	34,072	34,795	31	15.6	34	2.1	50
Wyoming	26,602	27,810	28,838	29,797	31,219	33,069	37	24.3	2	5.9	1

*Average wage per job is wage and salary disbursements divided by the number of wage and salary jobs (total wage and salary employment).

Source: Regional Economic Information System, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce 12/29/06