

EXHIBIT 1  
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HB 375

HOUSE BILL NO. 375  
INTRODUCED BY M. PHILLIPS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE, SUPPORTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO PROVIDE A REPORT CONCERNING MONTANA'S PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL OR FEDERAL CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE; AND PROPOSED LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTING THE FINDINGS OF THE REPORT, ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Regional or federal climate change -- report on participation--proposed legislation. (1) During the 2011 biennium, the ~~department of environmental quality shall work with the~~ legislative climate change committee established in [section 2], supported by the department of environmental quality, shall to prepare a report concerning Montana's participation in a regional or federal climate change initiative and proposed legislation implementing the findings of the report.

(2) The department shall collaborate with the department of natural resources and conservation in ~~developing the recommendations included in the report pursuant to subsection (3)(b)~~ supporting the committee.

(3) The report must be submitted to the environmental quality council by August September 1, 2010. ~~and must include recommendations for:~~

- ~~(a) the scope of a cap and trade program and cap setting necessary for participation in a climate change initiative;~~
- ~~(b) the distribution of allowances and the definition and use of offsets in a potential climate change initiative;~~
- ~~(c) reporting, market operation, and oversight necessary for participation; and~~
- ~~(d) changes, if necessary, in existing law to further Montana's participation in a regional or federal climate change initiative.~~

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Climate change committee -- duties. (1) There is a climate change committee composed of four members, appointed prior to July 1, 2009, including:

- (a) two representatives, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house; and
- (b) two senators, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the president of the senate.

(2) The committee shall meet as needed, ~~but may not meet more than six times:~~

~~(3) The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the department of environmental quality in preparing the report pursuant to [section 1]:~~

~~(4)(3) Members must be compensated by the department pursuant to 5-2-302.~~

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.