

Amendments to Senate Joint Resolution No. 17
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Requested by Senator Mike Phillips

For the Senate Natural Resources Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 5 through line 6.

Strike: "IMPACTS" on line 5 through "ELIMINATING" on line 6

Insert: "THREATS TO"

2. Page 1, line 6.

Following: "Montana"

Insert: ", THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS OF BOTH,
AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT EITHER WILL INCREASE"

3. Page 1, line 8 through line 9.

Strike: line 8 through line 9

4. Page 1, line 15 through line 20.

Strike: line 15 through line 20

Insert: "WHEREAS, because the federal government is developing national programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and these programs will require individual state responsibility in certain areas; and
WHEREAS, the burning of coal is a significant source of carbon dioxide, an important greenhouse gas; and
WHEREAS, the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions may impact the economic well-being and environment of Montana; and
WHEREAS, to plan for the future, Montana residents need to better understand the economic and ecological effects of reducing or eliminating the mining and burning of coal if threats to one or both become manifest."

5. Page 1, line 26 through page 2, line 10.

Strike: page 1, line 26 through page 2, line 10

Insert: "(1) investigate threats to the mining and burning of coal;

(2) investigate the consequences of significant reductions in the mining and burning of coal, if threats to one or both become manifest, to:

(a) local, regional, and statewide economic sectors, including the impacts to existing contracts for the mining or burning of coal;

(b) Montana's existing electrical generation; and

(c) Montana's environment;

(3) assess the potential use of alternative energy resources

