

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION

(ELECTRIC AND TRANSPORTATION)

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Background Materials and Research

Topic Summary: Montana's energy policy states it is the policy of Montana “to promote energy efficiency, conservation, production, and consumption of a reliable and efficient mix of energy sources that represent the least social, environmental, and economic costs and the greatest long-term benefits to Montana citizens” (90-4-1001, MCA).

Energy efficiency and conservation are often used interchangeably, but the terms describe differing methods to reduce energy consumption. Energy efficiency reduces the energy consumed in performing a task. Energy conservation is often behavioral and aims to reduce overall energy use. For example, installing an LED light bulb instead of an incandescent light bulb is considered an energy efficiency measure. Turning the same light off when it is not in use is energy conservation. Energy efficiency is often measured in terms of average megawatts savings that utilities can achieve through customer energy savings.

There are a variety of incentives in state law for electricity efficiency and conservation. They include the Universal System Benefits Programs (USBP), tax deductions, tax credits, Montana state building codes, incentive-based codes for local governments, low-income weatherization, the alternative energy revolving loan program, energy performance contracting, energy conservation in schools programs, and the State Building Energy Conservation Act.

Legislative Services Division Materials:

[A Citizen's Guide to Montana Energy Law: An Overview of Energy Generation, Transmission, and Consumption in Montana](#)

[Understanding Energy in Montana: 2018](#)

[Climate Change: An Analysis of Climate Change Policy Issues in Montana](#)

Other Materials:

[Energy Efficiency and Energy Audits – Department of Environmental Quality](#)

[Energy Conservation – Department of Environmental Quality](#)

[Energy Conservation Tax Incentives – Department of Environmental Quality](#)

[NorthWestern Energy – Rebate and Incentive Programs](#)

Introduced Legislation

*Chapter number assigned means bill was passed and approved.

2017

[Senate Bill No. 277](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT FOR VIRTUAL NET METERING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AMENDING SECTION 75-25-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 205](#) – (H) Vetoed by Governor -- AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO REVENUE SOURCES FOR HIGHWAY FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE FEE TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE HIGHWAY STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR A TAX ON LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PLACED INTO THE SUPPLY TANK OF A MOTOR VEHICLE; REVISING THE TAX ON COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS PLACED INTO THE SUPPLY TANK OF A MOTOR VEHICLE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-30-2131, 15-50-207, 15-70-401, 15-70-701, 15-70-702, 15-70-703, 15-70-704, 15-70-705, 15-70-706, 15-70-707, 15-70-711, 15-70-712, 15-70-713, 15-70-714, 15-70-715, 15-70-716, 15-70-717, 15-70-718, 61-1-101, 61-3-321, 61-3-456, 61-3-537, AND 61-3-562, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 330](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT PROPERTY-ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS THROUGH DISTRICTS TO PROMOTE THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES; ESTABLISHING THE PROPERTY-ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ACT OF MONTANA; PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF PROPERTY-ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS THROUGH VOLUNTARY PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS, COMMERCIAL LENDING, AND OTHER MEANS; AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ISSUE BONDS, NOTES, AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO PAY THE COST OF ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECTS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF BONDS, NOTES, AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN FEES; PROVIDING PROPERTY-ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM PLANNING REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY-ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS; PRESCRIBING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS RELATED TO PROPERTY-ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS; ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO JOINTLY ESTABLISH PROPERTY-ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON PROPERTY-ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-7-2501, 7-7-4101, 20 AND 90-4-1202, MCA.

2017 – November Special Session

[House Bill No. 7](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REPEALING CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL INCOME AND CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDITS; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN TAX CREDITS MAY NOT BE CLAIMED IN TAX YEAR 2018 AND TAX YEAR 2019; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE.

2015

[Senate Bill No. 10](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN NATURAL GAS UTILITIES FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF A UNIVERSAL SYSTEM BENEFITS PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 69-3-1408, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 11](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNIVERSAL SYSTEM BENEFITS PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 69-8-402, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 150](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF UNIVERSAL SYSTEM BENEFITS FUNDS USED BY A PUBLIC UTILITY FOR LOW-INCOME ENERGY AND WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE; CLARIFYING WAYS A PUBLIC UTILITY MAY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-8-402 AND 69-8-412, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 171](#) – Vetoed by Governor -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAXATION OF INCOME, INCLUDING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX; REQUIRING THE TAXATION OF INDIVIDUALS, PARTNERSHIPS, AND SUBCHAPTER S. CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING TRUSTS AND ESTATES, TO RELATE THE STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME; PROVIDING ADJUSTMENTS TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME TO INCLUDE CERTAIN INCOME; PROVIDING ADJUSTMENTS TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN INCOME; ELIMINATING MOST INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS; ELIMINATING CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDITS; REVISING CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDITS; ELIMINATING CERTAIN CORPORATE INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS AND CREDITS; REVISING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATES SUBJECT TO A REDUCTION FOR NET CAPITAL GAIN INCOME; PROVIDING A TRANSITION FOR CREDITS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO A CARRYFORWARD; PROVIDING A TRANSITION FOR DIFFERENCES IN FEDERAL AND MONTANA INCOME TAX LAWS; REENACTING THE BIG SKY ON THE BIG SCREEN ACT AND MAKING PERMANENT THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF TAX CREDITS; PROMOTING THE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION INDUSTRIES AND RELATED MEDIA IN MONTANA BY PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES FOR FILMING AND FOR DEVELOPING MAGAZINE ADVERTISING IN MONTANA; ALLOWING A PRODUCTION COMPANY A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYING MONTANA RESIDENTS; ALLOWING A PRODUCTION COMPANY A TAX CREDIT FOR QUALIFYING EXPENDITURES MADE IN MONTANA; REQUIRING A PRODUCTION COMPANY TO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR STATE CERTIFICATION OF A PRODUCTION TO QUALIFY FOR THE TAX CREDITS; REQUIRING AN APPLICATION AND AN APPLICATION FEE FOR A PRODUCTION COMPANY TO CLAIM TAX CREDITS FOR A STATE-CERTIFIED PRODUCTION; REQUIRING THAT THE APPLICATION FEE BE USED FOR ADMINISTERING THE TAX

CREDITS; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES, APPLICABILITY DATES, AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 249](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO USE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR QUALIFIED ENERGY SERVICE PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR INVESTMENT-GRADE ENERGY AUDITS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO USE IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING OF ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; EXEMPTING ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS FROM CERTAIN CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND SPECIAL DISTRICT CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-9-471, 90-4-1101, 90-4-1102, 90-4-1103, AND 90-4-1109, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 90-4-1104, 90-4-1105, 90-4-1106, 90-4-1107, AND 90-4-1108, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 312](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING UTILITY UNIVERSAL SYSTEM BENEFITS PROGRAMS; REQUIRING THE ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE TO REVIEW REPORTS; CLARIFYING LARGE CUSTOMER ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR UTILITIES AND LARGE CUSTOMERS THAT FAIL TO FILE UNIVERSAL SYSTEM BENEFITS REPORTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-8-402 AND 69-8-414, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

2013

[House Bill No. 227](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE PROPERTY ENERGY PERFORMANCE WEBSITE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO ADMINISTER THE WEBSITE; REQUIRING CERTAIN DATA TO BE INCLUDED ON THE WEBSITE; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO USE DATA ON THE WEBSITE TO ASSIST IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE BUILDING ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 90-4-605, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 429](#) – (H) Died in Process -- AN ACT REVISING THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS, LOW-EMISSION WOOD OR BIOMASS COMBUSTION DEVICES, AND ENERGY-CONSERVING EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND LOW-EMISSION WOOD OR BIOMASS COMBUSTION DEVICES ARE LIMITED TO 25% OF INSTALLATION COSTS; INCREASING THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT LIMIT FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS, LOW-EMISSION WOOD OR BIOMASS COMBUSTION DEVICES, AND ENERGY-CONSERVING EXPENDITURES; CLARIFYING THAT CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS MUST MEET CERTAIN SAFETY AND RELIABILITY REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR THE CREDIT; PROVIDING A 3-YEAR CARRYFORWARD FOR UNUSED ENERGY-CONSERVING EXPENDITURE TAX CREDITS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-32-109 AND 15-32-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[House Bill No. 477](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING UTILITY LAWS; REVISING LAWS RELATED TO ENERGY USE DISCLOSURE AND UTILITY LIABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 74](#) – (D) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING RENEWABLE ENERGY AND UNIVERSAL SYSTEM BENEFITS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING THAT ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE RESOURCES IN THE GRADUATED RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD BE CERTIFIED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AS CARBON NEUTRAL; REQUIRING THAT UNIVERSAL SYSTEM BENEFITS PROGRAMS FOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES BE CERTIFIED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AS CARBON NEUTRAL; GRANTING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO CERTIFY ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND UNIVERSAL SYSTEM BENEFITS PROGRAMS AS CARBON NEUTRAL; GRANTING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO VERIFY THAT CREDITS AND EXPENDITURES FOR UNIVERSAL SYSTEM BENEFITS PROGRAMS ARE CERTIFIED AS CARBON NEUTRAL; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-72-104, 69-3-1402, 69-3-1408, 69-3-2003, 69-3-2004, 69-3-2006, 69-8-103, 69-8-402, 69-8-413, 90-3-1003, AND 90-4-1202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 282](#) – Vetoed by Governor -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAXATION OF INCOME, INCLUDING THE CORPORATE LICENSE TAX; REQUIRING THE TAXATION OF INDIVIDUALS, PARTNERSHIPS, AND SUBCHAPTER S. CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING TRUSTS AND ESTATES, TO RELATE THE STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME; PROVIDING ADJUSTMENTS TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME TO INCLUDE CERTAIN INCOME; PROVIDING ADJUSTMENTS TO FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN INCOME; ELIMINATING MOST INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS; ELIMINATING CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDITS; ELIMINATING CERTAIN CORPORATE LICENSE TAX DEDUCTIONS AND CREDITS; REVISING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATES SUBJECT TO A REDUCTION FOR NET CAPITAL GAIN INCOME; LOWERING CORPORATE LICENSE TAX RATES; REPEALING PROVISIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC CONTRACTOR'S FEES AND TAX; PROVIDING A TRANSITION FOR CREDITS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO A CARRYFORWARD; PROVIDING A TRANSITION FOR DIFFERENCES IN FEDERAL AND MONTANA INCOME TAX LAWS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 368](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE PROPERTY ENERGY PERFORMANCE WEBSITE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO ADMINISTER THE WEBSITE; REQUIRING CERTAIN DATA TO BE INCLUDED ON THE WEBSITE; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO USE DATA ON THE WEBSITE TO ASSIST IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE BUILDING ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 90-4-605, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

2011

[House Bill No. 51](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT MODIFYING THE PROCEDURES FOR PAYMENT OF ENERGY COST SAVINGS FROM PROJECTS FUNDED FROM ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM BONDS; CREATING A DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 90-4-605, 90-4-612, AND 90-4-614, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 398](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ESTABLISHING TAX CREDITS RELATED TO ALTERNATIVE FUEL MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING A TAX CREDIT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF INSTALLING ALTERNATIVE FUEL DISPENSING EQUIPMENT AT A RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE FUEL FACILITY AND AT A COMMERCIAL ALTERNATIVE FUEL FACILITY; PROVIDING THAT A PERSON

WHO SELLS A COMMERCIAL ALTERNATIVE FUEL FACILITY TO A TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL DISPENSING EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING THAT THE CREDIT MAY NOT BE CLAIMED FOR A TAX YEAR BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2014; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ADOPT RULES FOR LABELING ALTERNATIVE FUEL DISPENSING EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING A TAX CREDIT FOR THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF A NEW PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE BY INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES."

[House Bill No. 406](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ADDING AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DEMONSTRABLE EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY TO THE BUILDING CODES COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTION 6 50-60-115, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 571](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT LAWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 75-25-101, 75-25-102, AND 75-25-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 614](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING THE CRITERIA FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION OR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS AND TAX CREDITS; SPECIFYING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY NOT ADOPT RULES WITH HIGHER STANDARDS THAN RULES GOVERNING SIMILAR FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTIONS OR CREDITS; REMOVING THE LIMITATION THAT AN OWNER MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE TO USE THE ENERGY-CONSERVING TAX CREDIT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-32-105 AND 15-32-109, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Joint Resolution No. 26](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY TO INVESTIGATE THE ADVANTAGES OF IMPOSING A TAX ON ENERGY PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION TO REPLACE OR REDUCE EXISTING TAX SOURCES; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 63RD LEGISLATURE.

[Senate Bill No. 159](#) – (S) Vetoed by Governor -- AN ACT REVISING THE STATE BUILDING CODE TO REQUIRE THE ADOPTION OF ENERGY-EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY CAN DEMONSTRATE WILL RESULT IN ENOUGH ENERGY SAVINGS TO PAY FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ANY EQUIPMENT OR MATERIALS INSTALLED WITHIN THE FIRST 5 YEARS OF OCCUPANCY; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO USE THE 2009 BUILDING CODES AS THE BASELINE FROM WHICH TO EVALUATE FUTURE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BUILDING CODES AND TO DEVELOP COST ESTIMATES FOR ANY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BUILDING CODES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 50-60-201 AND 50-60-203, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 253](#) – Vetoed by Governor -- AN ACT REPEALING CERTAIN TAX CREDITS; REPEALING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX AND CORPORATE LICENSE TAX CREDITS FOR UTILIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPOWERMENT ZONES, THE CREDIT FOR ENERGY-CONSERVING INVESTMENTS AND EXPENDITURES, THE CREDIT FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL MOTOR VEHICLE CONVERSION, THE

CREDIT FOR NEW OR EXPANDED INDUSTRY, THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE NEW EMPLOYEES CREDIT, THE CREDIT FOR GEOTHERMAL SYSTEMS, THE CREDIT FOR INSTALLING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS, THE CREDITS FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY GENERATION, THE CREDIT FOR MINERAL AND COAL EXPLORATION, THE CREDITS FOR THE RECYCLING OF MATERIAL, THE CREDIT FOR OILSEED CRUSHING FACILITIES, THE CREDIT FOR BIODIESEL OR BIOLUBRICANT PRODUCTION FACILITIES, THE CREDIT FOR BIODIESEL BLENDING AND STORAGE FACILITIES, AND THE CREDIT FOR INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL COMPANIES; REPEALING LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPOWERMENT ZONES; REPEALING THE MONTANA CAPITAL COMPANY ACT; PROVIDING A TRANSITION FOR CREDITS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO A CARRYFORWARD; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 305](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REVISING MONTANA'S ENERGY POLICY; AMENDING SECTION 90-4-1001, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

2009

[House Bill No. 5](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATING TO CAPITAL PROJECTS; INCLUDING ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECTS AS CAPITAL PROJECTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2011; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO THE LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM ACCOUNT; CREATING AN ENERGY CONSERVATION CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO THE ENERGY CONSERVATION REPAYMENT ACCOUNT AND THE ENERGY CONSERVATION CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT; AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM; REQUIRING PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT COSTS; REQUIRING THE INCLUSION OF ENERGY SAVINGS IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-7-111, 17-7-123, 90-4-602, AND 90-4-615, MCA, AND SECTION 2, CHAPTER 560, LAWS OF 2005; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 27](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT ELIMINATING THE TERMINATION DATE FOR THE UNIVERSAL SYSTEM BENEFITS CHARGE RATES; CLARIFYING THE ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OVER UNIVERSAL SYSTEM BENEFITS PROGRAMS; AMENDING SECTION 69-8-402, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 98](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT AUTHORIZING STATE AGENCIES TO ENTER INTO ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 18-2-101, 18-4-132, 90-4-1101, 90-4-1102, 90-4-1103, 90-4-1104, 90-4-1105, 90-4-1106, 90-4-1107, 90-4-1108, AND 90-4-1109, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 361](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO BE USED TO FUND LOANS TO PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN AN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSES OF FINANCING OFF-GRID RENEWABLEENERGYSYSTEMS OR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE PERMANENTLY FIXED TO RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR OTHER REAL

PROPERTY; ALLOWING LOAN PAYMENTS TO BE COLLECTED WITH PROPERTY TAXES; AND PROVIDING AN 13 EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 413](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION LOANS FOR PUBLIC 5 SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS TO INVEST A PORTION OF THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX PERMANENT FUND IN LOANS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-6-305, 9 90-4-602, AND 90-4-605, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 420](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWN WITH A BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM MAY ADOPT INCENTIVE-BASED ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING THAT THE INCENTIVE-BASED ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS ADOPTED MAY EXCEED ANY APPLICABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS CONTAINED IN THE STATE BUILDING CODE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 50-60-102, 50-60-106, 50-60-301, AND 50-60-802, MCA.

[House Bill No. 437](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER THE TRANSPORTATION ENERGY POLICY WHEN EXERCISING THE POWERS AND PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT; REVISING THE TRANSPORTATION ENERGY POLICY; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 60-2-201 AND 90-4-1010, MCA.

[House Bill No. 540](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT INCREASING THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENERGY-CONSERVING EXPENDITURES; CLARIFYING THAT CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS MUST MEET CERTAIN SAFETY AND RELIABILITY REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR THE CREDIT; PROVIDING A 3-YEAR CARRYFORWARD FOR UNUSED ENERGY-CONSERVING EXPENDITURE TAX CREDITS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-32-109 AND 15-32-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill No. 641](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REQUIRING ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES TO DEVELOP ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS AND TO ACHIEVE ENERGY SAVINGS TARGETS; PROVIDING INCENTIVES, COST RECOVERY, AND DECOUPLING TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY EFFICIENCY; REQUIRING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OVERSIGHT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGETS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH ENERGY EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING THE COMMISSION TO REMIT PENALTIES TO A UTILITY; ESTABLISHING A LOW-INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM ACCOUNT; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; REQUIRING CERTAIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE UTILITIES TO ACHIEVE ENERGY SAVINGS TARGETS AND DEVELOP ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS; REQUIRING A COOPERATIVE TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 646](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA HIGH PERFORMANCE SCHOOLS AND ECONOMIC STIMULUS ACT; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC-SCHOOL BUILDINGS ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACCOUNT AND FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND

CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill No. 675](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY EDUCATION TRUST FUND TO SUPPLANT STATEWIDE SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES; PROVIDING THAT THE TRUST FUND RECEIVES REVENUE FROM ABOLISHING OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX HOLIDAYS AND A PORTION OF THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX; PROVIDING FOR A DISTRIBUTION TO COUNTIES OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX REVENUE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-10-420, 15-36-303, 15-35-108, 15-36-304, 15-36-331, 15-36-332, 20-9-308, 20-9-331, 20-9-333, AND 20-9-360, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 27](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BIENNIALLY REPORT TO THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION MEASURES IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR; AMENDING SECTION 5-5-227, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 49](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDING STANDARDS FOR STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND NEW STATE-LEASED BUILDINGS; AMENDING SECTION 17-7-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 37](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT INCREASING THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ENERGY-CONSERVING EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING A TAX CREDIT FOR LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS, S. CORPORATIONS, OR OTHER DISREGARDED ENTITIES AND FOR TAXPAYERS WITH CERTAIN INCOME LEVELS; PROVIDING A REFUND FOR UNUSED ENERGY-CONSERVING EXPENDITURE TAX CREDITS; AMENDING SECTION 15-32-109, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[Senate Bill No. 270](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING BUILDING CODES FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-5-108, 7-5-4202, 7-15-4121, 50-60-101, 50-60-102, AND 6 50-60-203, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 301](#) – (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT INCREASING THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ENERGY-CONSERVING EXPENDITURES AND THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ENERGY SYSTEM USING CERTAIN NONFOSSIL FORMS OF ENERGY GENERATION; ALLOWING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR CERTAIN ENERGY-CONSERVING CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING FOR A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL BUILDING, TO BE CLAIMED BY SMALL BUSINESS AND PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES FOR THEIR SHAREHOLDERS AND OWNERS; ALLOWING THE CREDIT TO BE CLAIMED EVEN IF THE TAXPAYER HAS NO TAXABLE INCOME IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE EXPENDITURE IS MADE; ALLOWING A CARRYFORWARD OF UNUSED CREDIT FOR UP TO 3 YEARS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-32-109 AND 15-32-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.