MINUTES OF THE MEETING EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MONTANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 14, 1985

The meeting of the Education and Cultural Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Dan Harrington on January 14, 1985 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 312-3 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Representative Ted Schye who was excused by the Chairman.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. 71: Representative Jack Sands, District #90 and sponsor of the bill, explained that it would allocate money from the coal tax severance fund to vocational education centers in the State of Montana. Half of the present 30% coal tax is spent according to specific statues. Half is reserved to a trust and the remainder is allocated in different ways. Currently 2-1/4% of total coal tax collections are available for an alternative energy development program. This proposal would replace funding to alternative energy and fund, instead, vocational centers. Rep. Sands' intent was not to eliminate the alternative energy program, but to fund it through other sources, i.e. general fund, the Resource Indeminity Trust Fund, or Federal programs. Rep. Sands posed the question of which need is better deserving of an earmarked account. He indicated the feeling of vocational education being closer to the source from which the funds are generated as they are training people to work in the coal industry. Vo-tech demand and support is growing and local school districts should not have to provide a large amount of funding support for these schools. The new Governor's Advisory Council on Science and Technology has proposed \$20 million for research and development and could be an alternative funding source for the energy program. Rep. Sands reviewed the grant applications for the past year that were funded through alternative energy and spoke of past problems with administration. He spoke in favor of the matching funds aspect of the Council on Science and Technology which requires grantees to put up 40% of the costs, and several positive aspects of administering the Alternative Energy Program differently.

PROPONENTS: Gene Christiansen, Assistant Superintendent with Vocational Education Services in the Office of Public Instruction relayed to the committee that the appropriated budgets since 1982 have not met the total needs of the vo-tech centers. Centers have sought support through local district mill levies. Collectively the center's budgetary needs went from \$442,418 to \$1,568,927 projected for fiscal year 1985. If mill levies failed, approximately 15% to 20% of the budgets would be reduced forcing a reduction in programs, training, FTE, and state support. Tuition has increased from 10.5% in 1982 to 14.4% of the budget in 1985. He favors the bill as it would work towards a state system for these centers which has been discussed since 1969.

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Eric Fever, President of the Montana Education Association, encouraged passage of H.B. 71 as the state should appropriately fund the vo-tech systems for all the children who wish to attend the centers. He felt there was a growing pressure on local districts and this would alleviate it.

Dennis Lerum, Director of the Missoula Vocational-Technical Center, stated that the Missoula School District contributed \$60,000 in the levy of 1981. In 1985 it was \$453,000 going towards its operations.

Janelle Fallan, representing the Montana Chamber of Commerce, came forward suggesting that vo-tech may be a better investment for the future.

Gene Donaldson, House District #43, renumerated the fiscal problems on a local district in funding vo-tech centers. He remarked that the language of the bill may be suggesting alleviation of the general fund rather than the local mill levy. Suggestion of putting this bill with H.B. 18 in a sub-committee to work out the language problems was offered.

There being no further proponents, opponents to H.B. 71 were called.

OPPONENTS: Larry Fasbender, new Director of the Department of Natural Resources spoke on the legislative history of the vo-tech centers and alternative energy programs. The reliance on the coal tax severance fund has increased dramatically. Coal, being a non-renewable resource, cannot be relied on indefinitely for funding educational programs. The Resource Indemity Trust Fund (carried by him in legislation in 1975) was set up to protect the people against the loss of environmental resources. Last session legislation passed against the use of those funds being used for funding administrative operations. Those funds are no longer available for funding vo-tech or alternative energy. The Renewable Resources Development Program will not be available if the legacy program is passed. There are not a lot of areas in which to turn for funding of the alternative energy program. (See Exhibit 2) The program has been substantially refocused and will be in the future.

Bob Robinson, Deputy Director of the Department of Natural Resources, spoke about setting and changing the direction of the Alternative Energy Program and assessing the impact. Examples of publications published by the Energy Program were given to the Committee (Exhibits 3 through 16). One of the criteria of processing a grant is to give credits to the individual if they are to carry more than 50% of the costs. Research money at the Federal level is being channeled into nuclear research.

George Ochenski, representing 1,110 members of the Environmental Information Center spoke regarding a non-oppositional stand against

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vo-tech, but is against eliminating funding for alternative energy research, development and demonstration. Mr. Ochenski requested that the bill be heard by the Natural Resources Committee.

Al Okadaki spoke in behalf of the Alternative Energy Resources Organization. He gave a history of AERO. The bureau is sponsoring research on the use of vegetable oils as a substitute for diesel fuel. It has also worked on the use of clean burning wood stoves and other wood combustion technologies. There is a broad range to these programs in energy conservation and education which will pay for themselves over a short period of time.

Jeanne Souvigney, Northern Plains Resource Council felt it was important for the State to maintain the current allocation to energy research since it would seem to be a message to the nation that Montana is seriously moving away from non-renewable energy development. See Exhibit 19.

Tony Jewett, Executive Director of the Montana State Democratic Party spoke in opposition to H.B. 71. He read the position of the Party from Exhibit 20 which supported the continuation of the alternative energy research. Lowering the local school district levies is only a stop-gap measure and the monies from the coal tax would be viewed as permanent to this formula.

Ray Bolkerson, State Director of Montana Solar Energy Association, stood in opposition to the bill. More needs to be done in the renewable energy area as these funds are just beginning to have impact.

There being no further opponents or proponents, questions from the committee were called for by Chairman Harrington.

DISCUSSION ON H.B. 71: Rep. Peck questioned Rep. Sands if he would have any objections to the bill being placed in a subcommittee to coordinate with Rep. Donaldson's bill. The answer being in the negative, Rep. Peck asked Mr. Robinson to explain what would happen to the energy research and development programs in Montana if the bill were to not pass. The answer was that it would eliminate the programs unless another source of funds were found. Rep. Hannah questioned Rep. Sands regarding the number of years that coal might be available to which Rep. Sands answered that there is about 3,000 year's supply presently in Montana. Rep. Brandewie asked what percentage of students in vo-tech are Mr. Christiansen replied that it varies, Helena has about 65% coming from outside the county, but as an estimate about 60% come from within the counties. Mr. Lerum answered that the Missoula center has about 50% enrollment from outside the county and there were 40 to 43 different counties represented each year. Rep. Williams asked Rep. Sands what dollar amount per year was represented and the answer was \$2,016,000 in 1986 and \$2,028,000 in fiscal year 1987. Rep. Eudaily asked if it would raise enough money to affect county levies and Rep. Sands said it would not

under current projections. It would generate around \$4 million and would not quite cover all. Rep. Brandewie asked if the votech funding is being replaced or reimburses local districts for their share of out-of-county students. Rep. Sands responded that there are three ways presently used to fund which are: student tuition; 2) local county mill levy of 1-1/2 mills which would have to be continued; and 3) the voted school district levy. Rep. Sands explained that the bill would replace the local levy where the school is located. Rep. Hammond asked Rep. Sands what percentage of the vo-tech money would this represent, and it was answered that it was 17% or 18%. Rep. Harbin reiterated that part of the reason for issuing 4-1/2% of the coal tax funds was to find the alternative energy sources and did Rep. Sands feel that the general public sentiment had changed. It was answered that it was only a matter of priorities.

There being no further discussion, Rep. Sands made closing remarks regarding H.B. 71 which were that it was not an easy decision, but that there are growing needs in the area of vocational technical training and it is a basic statewide service. He had no reservations in referring this bill to a subcommittee to explore it further.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. 99: Rep. Dorothy Bradley, District #79, introduced her bill to the Committee which calls for engineering technologist to be allowed to take the EIT examination immediately upon graduation rather than waiting after a four year training period. She explained that 13 other states allow the examination to be done in this manner and students are leaving the state to take it elsewhere. Rep. Bradley assured committee members that there would be no lowering of standards with this proposal, but it would equalize the treatment given to all engineering students. The matter was brought to the attention of Rep. Bradley by students at Montana State University who felt that testing should be given at the height of the educational training.

PROPONENTS: Several students came forward representing the Associated Students of Mechanical Engineering Technology of M.S.U. They spoke of the Mechanical Engineering Technology curriculum being accredited by ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) and stated that the results of the testing should determine the ability of the individual. These students, in order of testimony before the committee, were: Tom Freed, (Exhibit 21), Bob Daily (Exhibit 22), Tom Flynn (Exhibit 23), and David Bartz (Exhibit 24).

Mrs. Will Hall witnessed before the committee as a mother of an engineering technology student and asked that the legislation be enacted in order to help defer the students from leaving the state and taking jobs in other areas. She gave to the committee a listing of 94 signatures showing support of the passage of H.B. 99. (Exhibit 25).

No further proponents came foward; Chairman Harrington called for opponents to this bill.

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OPPONENTS: David Gibson from the Board of Professional Engineers testified as to the differences in an engineer and engineering technologist. It was explained that the engineering technologist supervises the building of the engineered design directly in the field of action. He stated that curriculum differences exist and presented to the Committee a table from the Journal of Engineering Technology of statewide requirements of licensing standards for the EIT exams. (See Exhibit 26)

Al Kersich, Also from the Board of Professional Engineers, testified his concern that the bill takes away from the Board the right to approve creditation and the need to keep the highest standards possible. A concern he showed was with matters in the bill dealing in curriculum. He felt the exam was a part of the overall qualifications a person needs. There are other needs involved in order to be registered.

Mr. H.S. Hanson from the Montana Technical Council appeared in opposition to the bill stating that the basis for licensing is through the accredited program at school.

DISCUSSION ON H.B. 99: Discussion centered on the qualifications requirements of Montana State versus other states in the union. It was noted that in states which had lesser requirements there would be no distinction between one which was trained as an engineer or an engineering technologist. Rep. Brandewie asked Mr. Gibson if these people took the EIT exam and passed could they be hired as a professional engineer without having the required courses. Mr. Gibson replied that they would be licensed as a professional engineer, according to H.B. 99.

Rep. Peck showed concern with the language of the bill and directed his concern to Rep. Bradley. Rep. Bradley replied that the bill removes the board's flexibility in administering the tests and there shouldn't be a problem with timing as stated.

Rep. Eudaily clarified the process of passing and failing the exam. It was answered by Mr. Gibson that a student could take the exam several times in order to pass. Rep. Eudaily asked if any thought had been given to making an endorsement in technology rather than giving a general professional engineer's license. Mr. Gibson answered that this consideration was in process and there would be certification as such in the future.

Rep. Sands asked if Rep. Bradley would oppose an immediate effective date which would apply this spring rather than next fall. Rep. Sands voiced concern with language on line 16 and 17, page 1. This deals with certification and creditation and Rep. Bradley has no intent to change or remove the authority of the Board. It was noted that the lines which have been deleted may need to be included.

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Rep. Bradley closed the hearing by saying that she did not find anyone on the campus of Montana State University who opposed this bill. She spoke of the unfairness of waiting four years and being employed in a lesser paying job during that time when they were unable to be licensed. Because of the inability to be tested at the beginning of their career, hardships may come about through updating their education with extensive training.

Executive action on H.B. 80 will be reserved until 1-16-85.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

DAN HARRINGTON, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

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49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date 1-14-85

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 71

My name is Larry Fasbender, Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. When I first campaigned for the legislation back in place.

1966...The Department does not oppose vocational education, but opposes House Bill 71 which eliminates funding for the Renewable Energy Program.

In 1975, when the Legislature created this program,, it anticipated a future in which energy was a critical concern. The Legislature envisioned renewable energy and conservation as the most viable long-term solution to these energy problems. Their vision was accurate. Energy costs have increased in the past 10 years placing economic hardships on agricultural and other businesses, industry, local governments and consumers. It has become clear that the development of conservation and renewable energy technologies is vital to the well being of the state.

WHAT DO THE PEOPLE OF MONTANA GET WITH THEIR RENEWABLE PROGRAM?

- 1) INFORMATION: technical information on renewable energy systems, the quality and quantity of particular renewable energy resources, and economic information to all consumers so they can make "wise" economic decisions regarding renewable energy and conservation;
- 2) RESEARCH: research into new technologies that show promise in Montana and make use of Montana's agricultural and timber resources, and research into defining the renewable resource base in Montana for future development;

- 3) DEMONSTRATION: independent verification that renewable energy systems sold for other climates, such as California, will actually operate effectively in Montana; and identification of the most effective designs through extensive monitoring;
- 4) COMMERCIALIZATION: loans are made to new and expanding renewable businesses at favorable interest rates to help establish the renewable energy industry in Montana. The loans have created local jobs and are repaid to the program;
- 5) ENERGY CONSERVATION: research, development and demonstration of energy conservation was authorized by the 1983 Legislature.

 Development of new conservation strategies and aggressively marketing this information will help consumers, businesses and industry reduce energy costs.

There is a large demand for funds for renewable energy research, development and commercialization. In FY84, 35 applications were received requesting over \$6 million for grant funding and 8 loan applications for \$1.1 million. Thirteen grants were awarded for \$1.2 million and 7 loans were authorized at which 4 arranged financing for a total of \$367,000. In FY85 \$785,000 is authorized for loans and we will accept loan applications through March 3rd. Twenty grant applications requesting \$1.6 million are now being reviewed.

The program is now being directed by requesting proposals and awarding contracts for specific research or demonstration projects. Eight such contracts were awarded in FY84.

Research is being conducted on ways to utilize wood and agricultural wastes for drying grain; to develop an innovative steam engine powered by biomass, and to commercially develop an enzyme to produce alcohol from grain without cooking.

Builders are being trained to construct superinsulated and passive solar homes and the performance of these structures is being closely monitored.

The program places a strong emphasis on providing state-of-the-art information that is specific to Montana's needs. Two marketing campaigns were conducted in FY84, one on conservation techniques for mobile homes and another on insulating domestic hot water tanks. Information centers were established in 60 locations through the Cooperative Extension Service.

New businesses established as a result of the loan program include a wood pelletizing plant in Livingston, a business for biofuel production from forest thinnings, an alcohol plant in conjunction with a feedlot near Dillon and two retail businesses, SunCraft of Bozeman and Energy Products Unlimited of Kalispell.

In addition, \$53,000 is used as matching funds to leverage over \$400,000 of federal funds for energy education activities. Examples include funding industry conservation experts to give technical information on conservation techniques at conventions of hotel, motel, laundry, dry cleaning and other specific businesses.

To summarize the Renewable Energy and Conservation Program provides needed research into a variety of renewable energy and conservation technologies and stimulates the commercialization of renewable energy while helping to establish Montana businesses. The program is meeting the goal of reducing the states reliance on fossil fuels. Program direction is carefully charted through the use of studies, planning activities, and ongoing evaluation. Conservation projects have been added and these projects allow the program to address renewable energy and conservation in an integrated and more cost-effective manner.

Promoting the renewable energy industry is important to the future of Montana and that embodies the original purpose of the Renewable Energy Program which is to use revenues from non-renewable coal to develop other sources of energy that are renewable.



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Active Solar Power



Passive Solar Power

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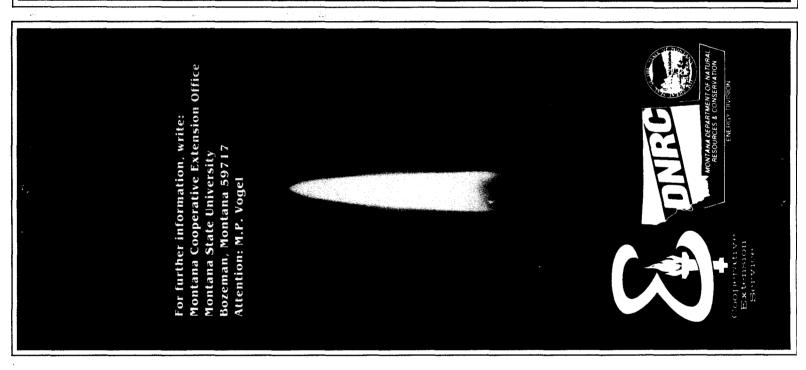


Biomass Energy

Energy-Efficient Home Designs



Small Scale Hydro Power



Free Energy Information

Help Yourself

You now have access to free energy publications at 62 Energy Information Centers throughout Montana. Over 50 publications covering renewable energy systems and energy conservation are being made available through the Energy Information Center project. The project is being conducted by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Vital to Every Montanan

Energy is a precious resource. We depend on it every day to cook the food we eat, to light our homes and offices, to keep them warm or cool and to get from one place to another. Energy is vital to every Montanan. We assume it will always be available, but that might be assuming too much. Past trends and current research indicate that we must conserve energy and utilize renewable energy sources to ensure an abundant supply for future generations. Saving energy doesn't mean you have to suffer. Many conservation measures can become comfortable, enjoyable and money-saving ways of life.

We've created the Energy Information Center to help you make wise energy decisions and to provide you with resources relevant to Montana.

The programs of the Montana Cooperative Extension Service are available to all people regardless of race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

Issued in furtherance of cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics; acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Carl J. Hoffman, Cooperative Extension Service, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana 59717.

20,000 copies of this public document were published at an estimated cost of 4¢ per copy, for a total cost of \$834.00, which includes \$634.00 for printing and \$200.00 for distribution.

Publications Available

Publications available from Energy Information Centers include many that illustrate energy systems designed and currently operating in Montana. Sources for publications include the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the Montana Cooperative Extension service and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Publication Titles

• The Montana Renewable Energy Handbook an introduction to renewable energy systems with examples of their use in Montana.

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- Montana Sunpower Volume I: Active Solar Homes - active solar space and hot water heating systems in Montana homes.
- Montana Sunpower Volume 2: Passive Solar Homes cost-effective passive solar homes and greenhouses built in Montana.
- Guidelines for Preparing Grant and Loan Proposals application forms and background information for submitting grant and loan proposals to Montana's Renewable Energy and Conservation Program.
- Twelve Ways To Turn Down High Energy Bills measures that cost little or nothing to implement but help conserve energy.
- **Hot Water** step-by-step instructions for adding insulation to your hot water tank.
- Montana Energy Tax Benefits · state and federal tax incentives for conservation and renewable energy.
- Guide to the Renewable Energy Report Library - renewable energy project reports from DNRC files available for public use through the Montana State Library.
- Mobile Home Energy Savings step-by-step instructions on ways you can make your mobile home more comfortable and more energy-efficient.
- Montana's Energy Resources brief introductions to conservation and renewable technologies, examples of Montana projects, and reading lists for more information. Current titles include Wind, Small Hydro, Geothermal, and Alcohol Fuel.

Look for free energy information at these Energy Information Centers across Montana:

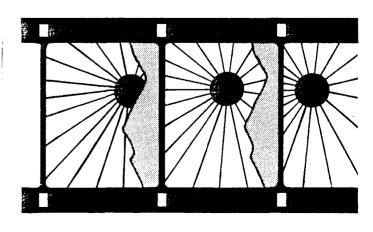
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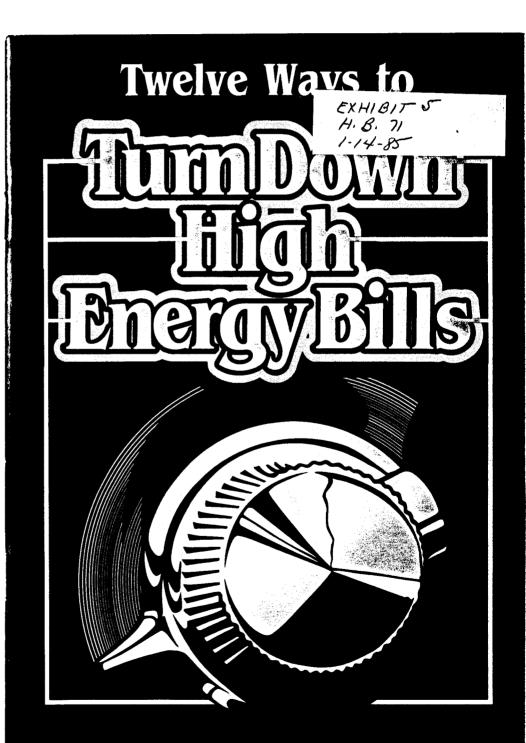
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> MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION Energy Division

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Mobile Home Energy Savings

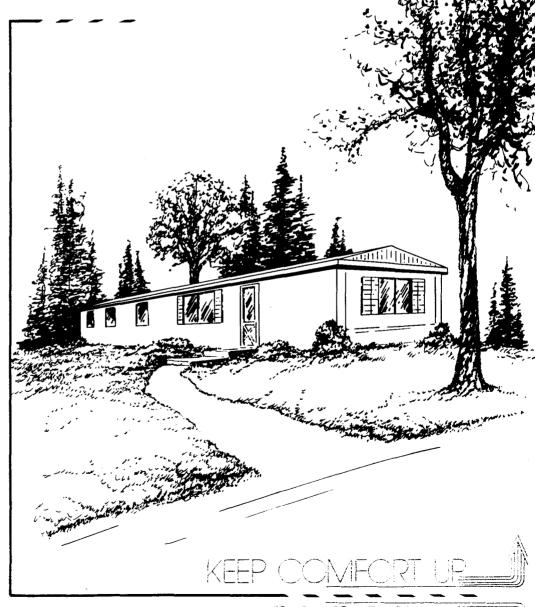
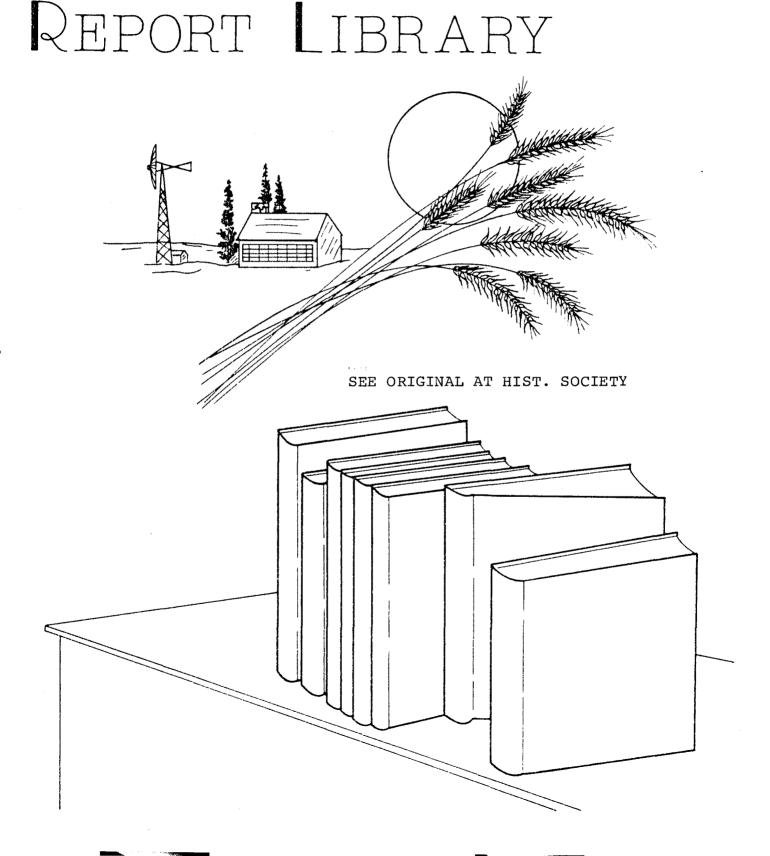


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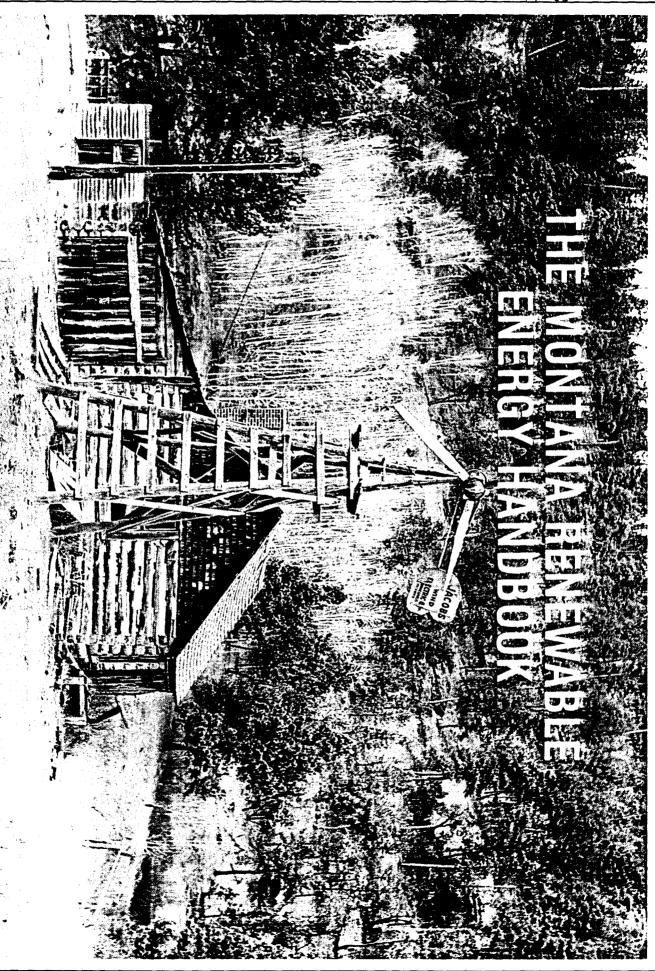
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A guide to state and federal tax incentives for conservation and renewable energy

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A directory of energy education resources MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION

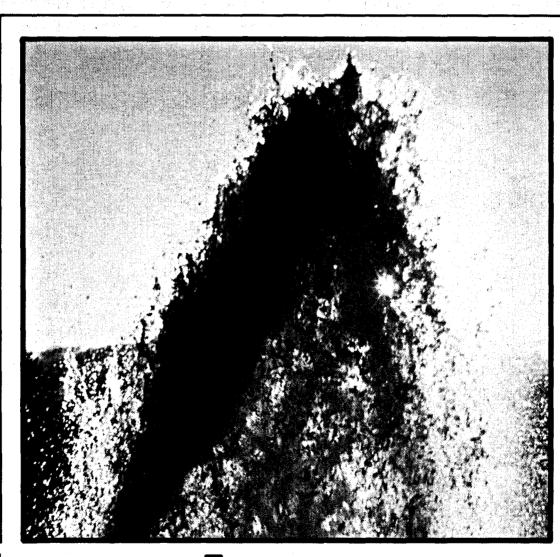
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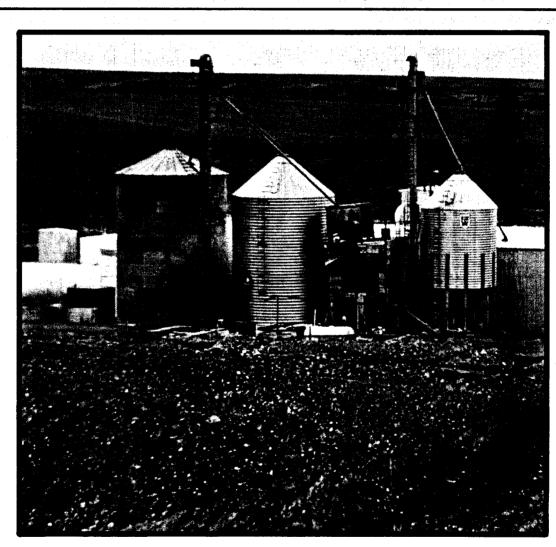
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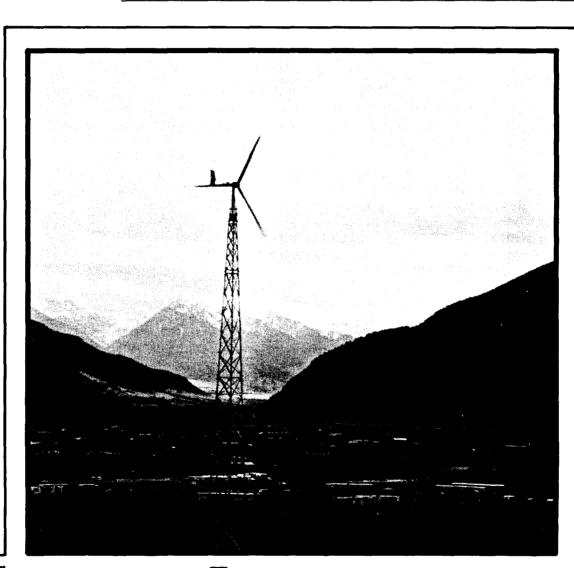
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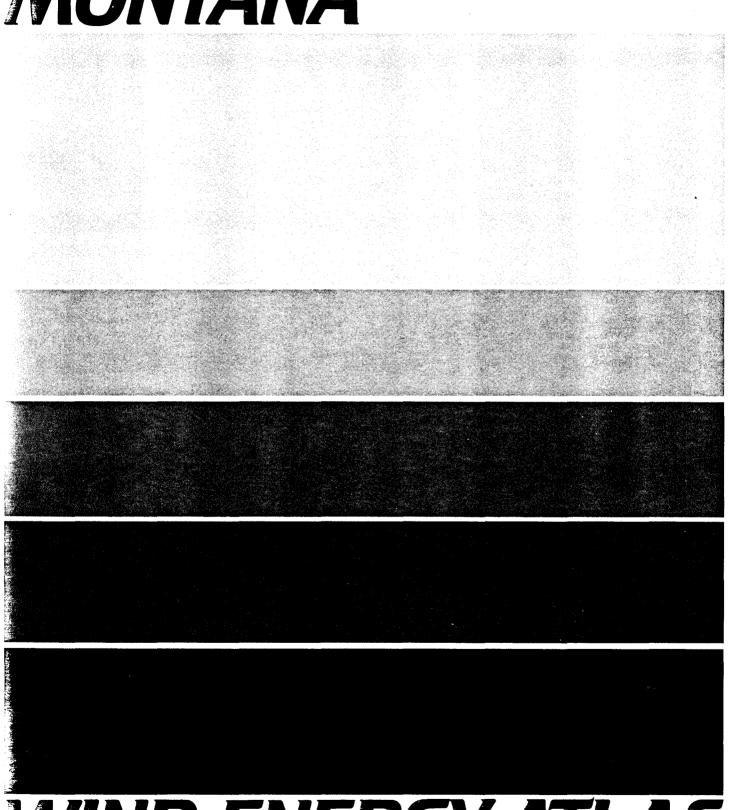
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EXHIBIT 18 H.B.71 1-14-85

TESTIMONY OPPOSED TO HB 71 ELIMINATING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION

By George Ochenski, Montana Environmental Information Center January 14, 1985

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Education Committee, for the record, my name is George Ochenski and I appear today on behalf of the 1,110 members of the Montana Environmental Information Center, a non-profit organization which promotes environmental quality and alternative energy.

Our opposition to HB 71 should not be construed as opposition to adequate funding for education or vo-techs. We oppose HB 71 because of our support for alternative energy research, development and demonstration.

Our support for using a portion of the coal severance tax collections for alternative energy research, development and demonstration stems from our perspective on the coal severance tax itself. We believe that the coal tax is an appropriate way of extracting revenues from a non-renewable resource, coal, and using those revenues to build for a future time when we cannot depend on fossil fuels for our energy needs. Funding alternative energy development through the coal tax is our way of planning for the future. We see the coal tax and alternative energy development as linked through this understanding of our future energy needs.

Alternative energy research, development and demonstration funding is money well-utilized. While we support most alternative energy sources, we are particularly interested in developing the important area of bio-fuels. Bio-fuels are alternative energy sources from grains, trees and other plants. Bio-fuels hold a great deal of potential to do the Montana economy good. They use Montana agricultural products, provide jobs for Montanans, and reduce our dependence on foreign energy imports. Bio-fuels are just one example of how alternative energy research, development and demonstration can benefit Montana.

In closing, we are not opposed to better funding for education or vo-tech centers. We are opposed to eliminating funding for alternative energy research, development and demonstration. It is appropriate for this bill to be heard by this committe, but we ask that HB 71 also be heard by the Natural Resource Committee, which is traditionally involved with programs related to alternative energy. Thank you for your attention.

NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL 1-14-85

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January 14, 1984

Jeanne-Marie Souvigney

NPRC opposes HB 71, an act to eliminate the coal severance tax allocation for alternative energy research and development. It is an attempt to provide property tax relief at the expense of the state's renewable energy program.

We strongly support maintaining the current allocation to the alternative energy research and development account. We feel it is important for the state to continue its commitment to developing alternatives to non-renewable energy resources, and to developing opportunities for conservation and renewable energy for the citizens of the entire state of Montana.

State support for the renewable energy projects allows Montanans a choice of commercial renewable enrgy options, and helps to reduce the state's dependence on non-renewable resource development, particularly fossil fuels. A state position supporting alternatives to this development represents a significant, compelling defense of the coal severance tax, since it sends a clear message to the rest of the nation that we are serious about moving away from an emphasis on non-renewable energy development to an economic and energy policy that promotes sustainable, renewable energy development.

We urge you to oppose this bill, and vote instead to continue the state's support for renewable energy technology development.



JANUARY 14, 1985

SUBMITTED BY THE MONTANA STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. I AM TONY JEWETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MONTANA STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

THE MONTANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IN OPPOSITION TO House BILL 71.

THE POSITION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AS ADOPTED AT ITS 1984 PLATFORM CONVENTION IN BILLINGS, ON THE ISSUE OF COAL TAX REVENUES FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS IS THE FOLLOWING:

"RECOGNIZING THAT ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY MUST BE THE BASIS FOR A STATE ENERGY POLICY, WE SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AND ITS CONTINUED FUNDING FROM COAL TAX PROCEEDS."

Members of the Committee, House Bill 71 would eliminate funding of alternative energy research and state-sponsored development by wholly transferring coal tax proceeds currently allocated for this use to postsecondary vo-tech and adult education programs. The legislation states that the monies would be used to reduce or eliminate the necessity for additional levies by school districts.

WHEREAS WE FAVOR MEASURES TO AUGMENT POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROJECTS, WE FEEL THAT DOING SO TO THE DETRIMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE SHORTSIGHTED.

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THE CURRENT ALLOCATION OF COAL-TAX REVENUES FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS

PERFORMS A VALUABLE FUNCTION FOR MONTANA: 1) IT DEMONSTRATES MONTANA'S COMMITMENT TO

THE CREATION OF RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY, AND IN SO DOING MAKES AN EFFORT TO FIND

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THE NATURE OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT 2) THE PRESENCE OF A STATE-SPONSORED ALTERNATIVE

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USE THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX FOR LONG-TERM STABILIZATION OF OUR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC

FABRIC. THIS COMMITMENT BOLSTERS OUR STATE'S DEFENSE OF OUR RIGHT TO LEVY THE COAL

TAX, STRENGTHENING THE ARGUMENT THAT THE COAL TAX IS AN INVESTMENT IN MONTANA'S

FUTURE, AND NOT A TEMPORARY METHOD TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE WHO DO RESOURCE BUSINESS

IN MONTANA.

TYING THE ELIMINATION OF COAL-TAX ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FUNDING TO A REDUCTION IN ADDITIONAL LEVIES BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AGAIN IS A TEMPORARY STOP-GAP MEASURE. WHEREAS THE ISSUE OF LEVIES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS IS A MAJOR CONCERN FOR ALL MONTANANS, THE ADDITION OF THESE COAL-TAX MONIES INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY BASE WOULD PROVE BENEFICIAL ONLY IN A FLEETING WAY. WITHIN A SHORT TIME, THE NORMAL PROCESS OF UPWARD PRESSURES ON THESE LEVIES WOULD CONTINUE, WITH THE COAL TAX MONIES VIEWED SIMPLY AS A PERMANENT PIECE OF THE FORMULA. THE PRICE PAID FOR THIS TEMPORARY EASING OF PRESSURES ON SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVIES WOULD BE THE ELIMINATION OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS WHOSE FUNCTION IS BENEFICIAL TO ALL OF MONTANA ON A LONG-TERM BASIS.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, AGAIN THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT OUR VIEWS ON HOUSE BILL 71 BEFORE YOU TODAY.

EXHIBIT 21

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HB# () is introduced at the request of the Mechanical Engineering Technology, (McET), students at M.S.U. At the present time these students are prohibited from taking their engineer-in-training exam until four years after they have completed their required coursework and graduated from M.S.U. The purpose of this legislation is to allow those students to take the engineering-in-training exam once they have completed the required coursework and are qualified to graduate.

The mechanical engineering technology program at M.S.U. is a four year bachelor of science engineering technology program which covers many aspects of engineering technology. The mechanical engineering technology program at M.S.U. is accredited by the Accredittation Board for Engineering and Technology, (ABET), and is officially recognized by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The engineering-in-training examination is an eight hour examination covering all aspects of engineering. It is designed to measure an individual's level of knowledge, basic to the engineering sciences. This is a nationally written, approved and administered examination. Once an individual has passed the examination, he must then complete four years of in-service training to achieve the goal of becoming a professional engineer.

Under the present system in Montana, graduates of the four year mechanical engineering program may take the E.I.T. exam upon graduation and if they pass it, spend four years in training to become eligible to the Professional Engineering exam, (P.E.).

However, the present system in Montana does not treat mechanical engineering technology students in a similar manner. Those graduates of the four year mechanical engineering technology program must work four years before they are allowed to take the E.I.T. exam and then if they pass it, spend another four years of in-service training to become eligible to take their P.E. exam.

This discrepancy has caused some M.S.U. McET graduates to favor other states, which by allowing earlier admission to the exam offer more lucrative professional advancement possibilities. It is important to note that the E.I.T. exam in those other states is the same exam given here in Montana. Of further importance is the fact that some M.S.U. McET graduates have taken the E.I.T. exam in other states and successfully passed it.

The mechanical engineering technology students are not asking that standards be lowered nor that special consideration be given. We merely request the opportunity to take the national exam upon the completion of our studies and then let the results of the exam determine whether we are qualified to become an engineer-in-training. If our graduates can pass the exam, they are qualified and if they do not pass, they are not qualified.

We only ask that we be allowed to use our education upon graduation and in our homestate.

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EXHIBIT 55 H.B. 99 1-14-85

Jan. 14, 1985

To: House Education Committee

From: Will Hall (Mrs. Wm E)

Re: HB 99

I urge your support for the passage of HB 99. This bill will give Mechanical Engineering Technology students the opportunity to take the <u>engineer-in-training</u> examination upon graduation. Presently these technology graduates must wait four years before they can take the test or go to a state that does not have this time restriction.

The Mechanical Engineering Technology program at M.S.U. is a four year Bachelor of Science Engineering Technology program which covers many aspects of engineering technology. It is accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, and is officially recognized by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The engineer-in-training examination is an eight hour exam covering all aspects of engineering and is a nationally written, approved and administered test. The Mechanical Engineering Technology students are not asking for lower standards. They are simply asking for an equal opportunity to take this exam upon graduation. After providing this excellent course at our state college, let's not force our Montana students to leave the state to seek testing and jobs.

Please vote yes for HB 99

We, the undersigned support the E.I.T. HB # 99.

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Table 1
State Requirements for Registration as a Professional Engineer

Requirements to Sit for EIT Exam			Requirements to Sit for PE Exar		
State	Degree	Experience	Status	Experience	
Alabama	BSET	2 years	EIT	4 years	
Alaska	BSET	4 years	EIT	4 years	
Arizona	BSET	4	ΕİΤ	4 years	
Arkansas	BSET	2 years	EIT	4 years	
California	BSET	. 2 7 5 6 7 5	EIT	4 years	
Colorado	BSET	-	EIT	6 years	
Connecticut	BSE'T	4 years	EIT	3 years	
Delaware	BSET	7	EIT	8 years	
Florida		admitted		dmitted	
Georgia	BSET	_	EIT	7 years	
Hawaii		admitted	•	dmitted	
Idaho	ВЅЕТ	2 years	EIT	4 years	
Illinois		admitted		dmitted	
Indiana	BSET	2 years	EIT	5 years	
Iowa	BSET	2 years	EIT	4 years	
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Maryland	BSET	4	EIT	6 years	
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New Hampshire	BSET	4 years	EIT	4 years	
New Jersey	BSET	2 years	EIT	4 years	
New Mexico	BSET	2 years	EIT	4 years	
New York	BSET	4 years	EIT	4 years	
North Carolina	BSET	4 years	EIT	4 years	
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Ohio	BSET	4 years	EIT	4 years	
Oklahoma	BSET	1 year	EIT	5 years	
Oregon	BSET	2 years	EIT	4 years	
Pennsylvania Rhode Island	BSET	,	EIT	4 years	
South Carolina	BSET	8 years	EIT	4 years	
South Dakota	BSET	admitted		dmitted	
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Texas		admitted		dmitted	
Utah	BSET	6 years	EIT	4 years	
Vermont	BSET	2 years	EIT	4 years	
Virginia	BSET	8 years	EIT	4 years	
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West Virginia	BSET	2 years	ElT	4 years	
Wisconsin	BSET	1 year	EIT	4 years	
Wyoming	BSET	2 years	EIT	4 years	

NOTE: These requirements pertain only to graduates of ABET-accredited, four-year engineering technology programs. The degree can be either a Bachelor of Science (BSET) or a Bachelor of Technology (BET).

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