

1 *House* BILL NO. *146*
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING ONE
 5 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO
 6 CREATE A CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY TASK FORCE."

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

9 Section 1. Short title. This act may be cited as the
 10 "Montana Corporate Responsibility Act of 1975".

11 Section 2. Findings and declarations. The legislature
 12 finds and declares: (1) Corporations constitute a major
 13 and direct factor in the quality of life in Montana and will
 14 continue to do so in the foreseeable future;

15 (2) A considerable amount of material has been written
 16 on alternatives for insuring a greater accord between
 17 corporate practice and the public interest;

18 (3) This material is not readily available for members
 19 of the public or the legislature to consider available
 20 alternatives to current rules, standards and practices;

21 (4) A comprehensive study of corporate responsibility
 22 is especially timely, given the increasing industrial
 23 development pressures facing Montana's future.

24 Section 3. Task force -- members. (1) There is
 25 hereby created a Montana corporate responsibilities task

1 force, the members of which are appointed by the governor as
 2 follows:

3 (a) Seven (7) representatives of the general public,
 4 to include five (5) representatives of active non-profit
 5 public interest groups within the state and two (2)
 6 representatives of Montana agriculture;

7 (b) one (1) representative of major corporations doing
 8 business in this state;

9 (c) one (1) representative of the Montana chamber of
 10 commerce; and

11 (d) two (2) representatives of organized labor.

12 (2) A representative of the governor's office shall
 13 serve as an ex-officio nonvoting member of the task force.

14 (3) A chairman shall be elected by the members of the
 15 task force at their first meeting, called by the governor.

16 Section 4. Powers and duties. The corporate
 17 responsibility task force shall have the following powers and
 18 duties:

19 (1) To employ staff, consultants, or both, to research
 20 thoroughly the literature on corporate responsibility;

21 (2) To assemble relevant alternatives to assure
 22 corporate responsibility in this state;

23 (3) To present these alternatives together with
 24 recommendations to the 1977 legislature in final report
 25 form, together with background studies and bibliographies;

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1 (4) To circulate abstracts of the report and conduct a
2 series of public meetings on the task force study while in
3 progress prior to the 1977 legislative session;

4 (5) To present its findings in discussion form in a
5 series of workshops, open to the legislature and the public
6 during the 1977 legislative session; and

7 (6) To pursue, receive, and expend funds from the
8 federal government and/or private foundations to carry out
9 the purposes of this act.

10 Section 5. Meetings. The chairman shall schedule
11 meetings of the task force as considered necessary, but
12 meetings shall be held at least once in every two (2)
13 months. A majority of the task force may also call a
14 meeting.

15 Section 6. Compensation. Members of the task force
16 shall receive twenty-five dollars (\$25) a day and
17 reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, while on
18 task force business, upon submission of receipts to the
19 chairman or his designee.

20 Section 7. Appropriation. One hundred thousand
21 dollars (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
22 the task force for the biennium ending June 30, 1977, to
23 perform the duties authorized by this act. A financial
24 statement detailing task force expenditures shall be
25 presented with the final report.

1 Section 8. Expiration date. The corporate
2 responsibility task force and this act are effective through
3 the 1977 legislative session and expire on the last day of
4 that session unless renewed by action of that legislature.

5 Section 9. Allocation to department. This task force
6 is allocated to the department of business regulation for
7 administrative purposes only as prescribed in 82A-108.

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