

House Bill 278

In The House

January 16, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
February 21, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended.
February 23, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.  Motion pass consideration.  Motion to take from second reading to Committee on Appropriations.  Rereferred to Committee on Appropriations.
April 23, 1981	Died in Committee.



1 submission and review of applications for grants under [this  
2 act].

3 Section 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from  
4 the coal tax constitutional trust fund income \$1,000,000 for  
5 the biennium ending June 30, 1983, to the department of  
6 natural resources and conservation for the purpose of making  
7 grants under this act.

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1 STATEMENT OF INTENT

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5 (1) A statement of intent is required for this bill  
6 because it grants rulemaking authority to the Department of  
7 Natural Resources and Conservation in section 3.

8 (2) Not contemplated in this act is the use of grants  
9 where other funds may be available or for the use of  
10 specific energy saving applications. The grants are to be  
11 awarded for the analysis of a community's energy use, so  
12 that by viewing the community as an energy use system the  
13 community may comprehensively address its energy efficiency  
14 and hence effectively allocate its resources where they will  
15 provide the greatest good.

16 (3) The authority delegated to the Department of  
17 Natural Resources and Conservation by House Bill 278 is for  
18 the purpose of establishing the procedure for submitting  
19 applications for grants under the act and establishing the  
20 review procedure and criteria under which the department  
21 will determine the sufficiency of applications and the award  
22 of grants.

Approved by Comm.  
on Local Government

HOUSE BILL NO. 278

INTRODUCED BY AZZARA, TOWE, KESSLER,  
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROMOTE  
COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLANNING BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH  
GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND CONSERVATION; AND APPROPRIATING ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$250,000 FOR  
THE GRANT PROGRAM."

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

Section 1. Purpose. In order to improve the energy  
planning capabilities of local governments, the department  
of natural resources and conservation shall make grants to  
counties and cities, however organized. The department when  
making grants shall give priority to those units of  
government that submit proposals that could result in  
significant savings of traditional energy sources,  
development of renewable energy systems, and broad community  
involvement.

Section 2. Authorized expenditures. Community energy  
planning grants may be used for the following purposes:

- (1) to gather, monitor, and analyze local energy  
supply, demand, and cost information;
- (2) to prepare comprehensive community energy plans;

(3) to implement comprehensive energy plans that the  
unit of government is authorized to undertake for the  
management of problems resulting from:

- (a) rising energy costs;
- (b) lack of efficient public and private  
transportation;
- (c) lack of community conservation efforts;
- (d) lack of widespread renewable energy sources;
- (e) lack of energy components in comprehensive plans  
and local ordinances;

(4) to assist neighborhood organizations in counties  
and cities to do energy planning by making grants to the  
local unit of government;

(5) to purchase materials, employ staff, or contract  
with other units of government or qualified consultants;

(6) any other purpose considered appropriate by the  
director of the department of natural resources and  
conservation.

Section 3. Administration. (1) The director of the  
department of natural resources and conservation shall give  
priority to units of local government that provide staff or  
other support for a program and that request grants for  
programs that can be duplicated by other local governments.

(2) A single grant to a unit of local government may  
not exceed \$50,000.

1           (3) The department shall adopt rules in accordance  
2 with the Montana Administrative Procedure Act for the  
3 submission and review of applications for grants under [this  
4 act].

5           Section 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from  
6 the coal tax constitutional trust fund income ~~\$1,000,000~~  
7 \$250,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 1983, to the  
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