HOUSE BILL NO. 499

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1/26 Referred to Business & Labor 2/01 Hearing Died in Committee

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24 25 installed by either:

(a) a person or a private firm;

(b) the customer himself; or

-	HOUSE BILL NO. 117
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MAKING UTILITY PURCHASE
5	OF OR INVESTMENT IN CONSERVATION MANDATORY AND PROVIDING
6	THAT RESOURCES CURRENTLY IN THE UTILITY'S RATE BASE MAY NOT
7	BE REMOVED BECAUSE OF SUCH PURCHASE OR INVESTMENT: AMENDING
8	SECTION 69-3-703, MCA."
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10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
11	Section 1. Section 69-3-703, MCA, is amended to read:
12	"69-3-703. Utility investment in or purchase of
13	conservation approval by commission. (1) A utility may
14	shall:
15	(a) purchase conservation from a person or private
16	firm; or
17	(b) directly engage in conservation investments.
18	(2) The conservation purchases or investments provided
19	for in subsection (1) are subject to approval by the
20	commission.
21	(3) Cost-effective conservation measures approved by
22	the commission may, at the customer's discretion, be

1	(c) the utility."
2	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Commission to retain existing
3	resources in rate base. Resources approved by the commission
4	under this chapter for inclusion in the utility's rate base
5	prior to the purchase of or investment in conservation may
6	not be removed by the commission from the rate base because
7	of such purchase or investment.
8	NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.
9	Section 2 is intended to be codified as an integral part of
L 0	Title 69, chapter 3, part 7, and the provisions of Title 69,
11	chapter 3, part 7, apply to section 2.
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