

HOUSE BILL NO. 666

2/04 Introduced  
2/04 Referred to Business & Labor  
2/20 Hearing  
Died in Committee

1                    HOUSE BILL NO. 666  
 2 INTRODUCTION BY Kadua

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING CONSERVATION  
 5 PURCHASES OR INVESTMENTS FOR ALL BUILDINGS AND PROCESSES IF  
 6 THE UTILITY'S FULL AVOIDED COSTS ARE NOT EXCEEDED; AMENDING  
 7 SECTIONS 69-3-701 AND 69-3-702, MCA."

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

10        Section 1. Section 69-3-701, MCA, is amended to read:  
 11        "69-3-701. Definitions. As used in this part, the  
 12 following definitions apply:

13        (1) "Avoided costs" means the incremental costs, as  
 14 determined by the commission, to an electric or natural gas  
 15 utility of energy or capacity, or both, which, but for the  
 16 purchase of conservation, the utility would generate or  
 17 supply itself or purchase from another source.

18        (2) "Commission" means the Montana public service  
 19 commission created in 2-15-2602.

20        (3) "Conservation" means any reduction in electric  
 21 power or natural gas consumption as a result of investment  
 22 in measures that increase the efficiency of electricity or  
 23 gas use in building shells, ~~space heating or cooling~~  
 24 ~~equipment, water heating equipment, or refrigeration~~  
 25 equipment or in processes using natural gas or electricity

1 or other cost-effective measures, each of which, over its  
 2 economic life, meet meets the criteria of 69-3-702.

3            ~~(4) "Residential building" means a building used for~~  
 4 ~~residential occupancy that:~~

5            ~~(a) was fully constructed and habitable as of October~~  
 6 ~~17, 1983,~~

7            ~~(b) has a system for heating, cooling, or both, that~~  
 8 ~~uses a fuel supplied by the utility, and~~

9            ~~(c) contains at least one but not more than four~~  
 10 ~~separately or centrally heated dwelling units or contains~~  
 11 ~~more than four separately heated or cooled or both heated~~  
 12 ~~and cooled units."~~

13        Section 2. Section 69-3-702, MCA, is amended to read:

14        "69-3-702. Eligible conservation. Conservation  
 15 purchases or investments are eligible under this part if  
 16 they are determined by the commission to cost no more than  
 17 the utility's full avoided costs and are made to replace,  
 18 upgrade, or enhance building shells, space heating or  
 19 cooling equipment, or refrigeration equipment which was  
 20 installed and in operation in the existing residential  
 21 building as of October 17, 1983, and are determined by the  
 22 commission to cost no more than 50% of the utility's avoided  
 23 costs a residential or nonresidential building shell or a  
 24 process that uses natural gas or electricity for residential  
 25 or nonresidential purposes, which shell or process was

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1 installed and used as of October 1, 1985."

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