

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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House Bill Number 366

Legislative Action:

House Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced By: John Refling

House: \_\_\_\_\_

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Senate Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation: Bozeman High School

Governor: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to Committee: House Health & Human Services Committee

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CLEAN THE BIG SKY"

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3 **Section 1. Intent -**

4 The intent of this bill is to reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses in the  
5 atmosphere, thereby cleaning "The Big Sky," by reducing the greenhouse gas  
6 emissions of cars and light-duty trucks purchased in Montana.

7 **Section 2. Findings -**

8 1. All new vehicles sold in California must be certified under one of six  
9 emissions ratings by the California Air Resources Board (ARB). Emissions  
10 ratings indicate how much a new vehicle pollutes, and emissions are the result  
11 of the combined attributes of fuel type used, controls on the engine's operations  
12 and maintenance throughout the life of the vehicle.

13 2. It has been empirically proven through many studies that adopting the  
14 emission standards currently in place in California not only reduce the  
15 growth in the amount of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere, but also tends  
16 to spur the development of better emission-control technologies that benefit  
17 the rest of the nation.

18 **Section 3. Action -**

19 The state of Montana will mandate that all cars and light-duty trucks purchased in  
20 Montana upon be required to adopt the emission standards currently in place in  
21 California.

22 **Section 4. Funding & Enforcement -**

23 Any necessary funds will come from the general fund, which currently contains \$12.5  
24 billion. Enforcement will be through the Montana Department of Transportation.

25 **Section 5. Enactment Date -**

26 This act will become effective upon passage.

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