

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 549

2 INTRODUCED BY J. READ

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT STATING MONTANA'S POSITION ON GLOBAL WARMING; AND  
5 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Public policy concerning global warming.** (1) The legislature finds that  
10 to ensure economic development in Montana and the appropriate management of Montana's natural resources  
11 it is necessary to adopt a public policy regarding global warming.

12 (2) The legislature finds:

13 (a) global warming is beneficial to the welfare and business climate of Montana;

14 (b) reasonable amounts of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere have no verifiable impacts on  
15 the environment; and

16 (c) global warming is a natural occurrence and human activity has not accelerated it.

17 (3) (a) For the purposes of this section, "global warming" relates to an increase in the average  
18 temperature of the earth's surface.

19 (b) It does not include a one-time, catastrophic release of carbon dioxide.

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21 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
22 integral part of Title 75, chapter 2, and the provisions of Title 75, chapter 2, apply to [section 1].

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24 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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