

ITEM 139-110-R0508

RESOLUTION
of the
MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

Montana University System Energy Conservation
May 30, 2008

WHEREAS, Montana is a state known for its beauty and abundant natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the conservation of natural resources will contribute to sustaining Montana's natural resources, and its environment, for generations of the future; and,

WHEREAS, reducing the Montana University System's consumption of energy and other natural resources will also create budget savings that can be reinvested in other energy conservation, deferred maintenance and other worthy programs; and,

WHEREAS, The Montana University System has responsibly employed energy conservation measures since the early 1980's, including such measures as energy audits, electronic temperature controls and night setbacks, electric co-generation, lighting efficiency retrofits, building envelope upgrades, and interruptible energy purchases; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Montana has issued the 30 MPG Initiative, which reflects the intent of SB449 and mandates increased fuel efficiency for certain types of vehicles owned by state agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Montana has issued the 20 X 10 Initiative, which asks state agencies to reduce their energy consumption by 20% by the year 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Regents of Higher Education for the State of Montana hereby declares that the Montana University System supports Governor Brian Schweitzer's 30 MPG and 20 X 10 Initiatives;

RESOLVES to encourage all campus leaders to take all steps possible to comply with the Governor's 30 MPG Initiative by accomplishing the following:

1. Inventory all vehicles covered by the mandates and track use and efficiency over time;
2. Creation of a fleet energy conservation plan that encompasses:

- An educational and information program to encourage users of all vehicle types to drive more efficiently to increase fuel economy, carpool whenever possible and adhere to other efficiency measures;
- Replacement of covered vehicles on-cycle with vehicles that meet CAFE fuel efficiency standards;
- Development of a method to evaluate use and need for each exempt vehicle type prior to purchase; and
- Consideration of fuel efficiency as an important parameter during future on-cycle replacement of exempt vehicles; and

FURTHER RESOLVES to encourage campus leaders to continue to expand their energy conservation efforts in order to make progress toward fulfilling the Governor's 20 X 10 Initiative by accomplishing the following:

1. Developing and implementing energy conservation policies;
2. Developing and implementing educational and information programs to effect a cultural shift toward improved energy conservation habits and attitudes among campus users;
3. Establishing, measuring and tracking responsible energy consumption metrics over time by building type and use;
4. Auditing and modeling building energy systems to identify cost-effective energy conservation measures and consider energy conservation as an important parameter in requesting future LRBP funding;
5. Continuing to invest in energy management control technologies;
6. Purchasing "Energy Star"-rated equipment whenever possible;
7. Purchasing "green," "Earth Friendly" supply products whenever possible.

Dated this 30th day of May, 2008.

THE MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, having considered the above Resolution in a regularly scheduled, properly noticed meeting held on May 30, 2008, adopted said Resolution by the following votes: Regents voting in favor were: _____. Regents voting against were: _____. The Resolution was adopted by a vote of _____.

CERTIFIED BY:

 Sheila M. Stearns
 Commissioner of Higher Education
 Secretary of Board of Regents

 Date