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MONTANA CHAPTER

Oppose Tax Rollbacks for Fossil Fuel Companies

HB 170 would reduce taxes for energy producers that use small amounts of green hydrogen

OPPOSE HB 170 (Representative Tom Welch)

- Green hydrogen is a low emissions fuel source that could become a more widely used alternative to gas and diesel fuel and has renewable energy storage potential. However, most hydrogen is currently produced using fossil fuels. For more information on green hydrogen, check out this [website](#).
- This bill would lower the property tax rate to 1.5% for energy producers that use as little as 8% green hydrogen. This means that the vast majority of their energy production can still come from gas, coal or some other fossil fuel source.
- Although green hydrogen could be good for the climate, supporting energy producers who use only 8% green hydrogen means supporting an increase in fossil fuel use. This bill allows energy producers to get the benefits of a tax break without requiring them to take substantial actions to switch to renewable energy.
- This bill will allow energy producers to claim they have reduced the rate of emissions per megawatt of their electricity while maintaining or even increasing their actual total emissions.
- This is a pro-gas bill disguised as a renewable energy bill. It's part of the push for new natural gas plants in Montana.

See the [current bill text](#) to learn more & check out our [citizen lobbying resource](#) to get involved.

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