

HOUSE BILL NO. 696

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF THE SITING OF URANIUM CONVERSION AND ENRICHMENT FACILITIES FOR URANIUM MINED AND MILLED WITHIN THE STATE OR TRANSPORTED FROM A LOCATION MINED AND MILLED NOT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE STATE; AMENDING SECTION 75-20-204, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Legislative approval of siting of uranium conversion and enrichment facilities -- conditions. (1) The legislature hereby authorizes the siting of uranium conversion and enrichment facilities within Montana. A facility is authorized if:

(a) it is operated on the site of and to convert and enrich mined and milled uranium within the state or transported from a location mined and milled not within the boundaries of the state;

(b) the facility has received a state recommendation from the department of environmental quality, pursuant to 75-20-204; and

(c) the facility has received a license to convert and enrich mined and milled uranium from the federal nuclear regulatory commission.

(2) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "uranium conversion" means the process used to convert natural uranium oxide into uranium hexafluoride; and

(b) "uranium enrichment" means the process used to enrich uranium through gaseous diffusion, gas centrifuges, or laser isotope separation.

