

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 729  
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 6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADVANCED CONDUCTOR COST-  
 7 EFFECTIVENESS CRITERIA; ALLOWING ADVANCED CONDUCTOR RATE BASING; PROVIDING A  
 8 DEFINITION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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 12 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Criteria for allowable advanced conductor programs.** (1) The  
 13 commission may approve cost-effectiveness criteria for advanced conductor projects that may be placed into a  
 14 utility's rate base under this part.

15 (2) Criteria must be based on established direct current resistance at standard pressure and a  
 16 temperature of 20 degrees Celsius.

17 (3) As used in this section, "advanced conductor" means an overhead electricity conductor  
 18 installed in a transmission or distribution project that has a direct current electrical resistance at least 10% lower  
 19 than similar existing conductors on the system.

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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 69, chapter 3, part 7, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter 3, part 7, 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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