

TLU-3 Comments
Recommendation 28
Consumer information on vehicle miles per gallon (mpg)

The economic impacts of any legislation must be determined and be a part of the decision.

truly an oxy-moron. You require more emissions equipment on the vehicles, reducing their fuel efficiency by 40+% and then are going to "educate" them on how to operate their fleet efficiently. we all know government is a model of efficiency.

How much will this cost?

Public info is crucial. Especially if it ties in with \$ saved, a sort of double bonus-

Should implement through DEQ.

Biodiesel,

Companies need to be held to a higher standard than the general public. It should be mandated that they comply by buying energy-efficient vehicles. Perhaps incentives for complying sooner, but it should be a mandate.

Excellent.

Support here is based upon the expectation that information provided will be factual - not Al Gore-like propoganda intended to serve some ideological agenda. That would not be likely with this administration.

How is this important to consumers? Is this time-line aggressive enough?

MPG programs have existed for decade. No new programs are necessary. Quit coddling people. Force them to make logical decisions, without subsidies for bad behavior getting in the way. Get going on this!

Waste of time

EPA and the auto industry have dropped the ball on this one. City and highway mileage ratings should be required for every single automobile advertisement - and not in tiny print.

I like educating people so they can make wise choices. I drive a Geo Metro to work every day but I haven't gotten much of a following - other than the cars waiting to pass me at 55mph.

individuals can only do so much with this issue, we need strong and numerous government action of many forms and formats...

Consider tax incentives for people with high efficiency vehicles and/or those who drive less than x miles per year.

Is this really a responsibility of Montana State Government, or car manufacturers?

Aren't most people already aware?!?

I support this, but not if it comes at cost of implementing others. Again, I think education should be a follow up to mandates - we're beyond the point of just relying on education.

Consumer Reports magazine already does this for consumers.

.Why not require better standards? The technology is there but automobile companies will not do it unless pressured

Duh, we already know this with our pocketbooks. Better to use the money to provide incentives for people to buy higher MPG cars/fleets. Get with the MPG tax/incentive folks: i.e. new car purchasers below say 25MPG pay an increasingly higher purchase tax as MPG lowers on new cars, and that tax pays incentives to others on sliding scale as new car purchase MPG level increase over the set (25MPG, or whatever--can gradually increase year-over-year) level.

Redundant, this information is already readily available to anyone that can read.

What is wrong with honesty? There are some functions that govt. does better than the "hands off" capitulizem

I see very few folks concerned about the price of gas. (3/4 Ton & 1 Ton Pick Ups & SUVs) As soon as the light turns green, usually have the pedal to the metal until within 100' of the next light - then climb on the brakes. The posted speed limit seems to be considered the Minimum speed for many.

As long as this is a low cost to taxpayers, it would be a good idea.

Subsidize (tax incentives) electric cars instead.

Good idea - especially for fleet use, but unfortunately higher mpg vehicles are largely unaffordable for the average Montanan. Older, used vehicles are the norm, which has nothing to do with education in this area.

waste of money. people can educate themselves.

Yes, but I'm doubtful this would have much effect, as relative efficiency numbers are readily known. More important to change driving habits to encourage conservation. MPG meters such as in the Prius could make a big difference.

again, not too may fleet operators live in caves, so they are aware of fuel efficiency

Again, this is being done nationally, tap into those resources.

Mandatory labeling of work trucks' mpg also; it's presently not required to be reported. Maybe.....who will be the resource of the info...?

Great idea but if the car industry would be required to manufacture and sell only fuel efficient units, it would be a lot easier to enforce a minimum standard. And what we really need is a better infrastructure for public transportation (including bicycles)

doesn't \$3 a gallon make people look at this?

Already available-another wasted program.

Another attempt to grow government - more education?

Vehicle buyers already do this. Econimics rules and nothing you can do will change this.

Try to do as a part of other state's efforts

What is the cost?

FINE IDEA REGARDLESS OF REALITY OF GLOBAL WARMING.

Seems to be information already available and required by law. However, used car market should utilize this.

People who are interested can already find out from a variety of sources.

Enough education already. We need GHG emission reductions now, not in the next generation.

Nonagenda driven education - illustrate the cost/benefit of using a vehicle efficiently

People who care, already do, and people who don't, won't.

Hypermiling is awesome we should all be aware of where we waste gas

Education, education, education

There is a lot of information already out there

Even a moron can do this now, why would we spend tax dollars to educate the stupid. No more government.

Provide some incentive for purchasing fuel efficient vehicles. The average household in Montana cannot afford to purchase these new hitech vehicles. I know we would love to own an electric vehicle however we can't make it here and still budget for a new electric car. Until that can happen for the average family we will not see a change over in fuel consuming vehicles to electric vehicles. This also leads to the question of what will we do with all the old gasoline burning vehicles? Maybe Oprah could do a show about that!

Fine if it costs nothing.

I believe \$3.00 per gallon fuel is accomplishing this far better than the government is able to do it.

Finally, a good idea.

Provide links on state website to sources of this info.

Placing this information prominently on price stickers is all that is required.

tell women to stay home and take care of their children. look at the gas we could save

Remember that whenever the government "provides" something to someone, it has to first take it by force from someone else.

EPA's duty.

Again the standard needs to come from the manufacturer, most people won't change their habits based on education.

who will provide this information, will a job be created for this education. hopefully it wouldn't be added onto someone who already has too much on their plate.

Tax incentives = ok.

Taxation for "education" = bad.

there is a enough information on web sites books,ect now,spend the money somewhere else

Don't you think we already know that?

The lighter cars that get better mileage are much more likely to become coffins in an accident than the heavier cars that provide much better protection. If you implement this, be sure to educate people how dangerous these cars are!

This Action Plan was not a Montana grassroots Plan. It was the same plan written for California and other states. Montana's poor and middle class cannot pay any more for energy.

Most people can already read the stickders already provided

<http://www.righttalk.com/asx/ggws.aspx>

The above video destroys the myth of human caused global warming. Get informed. The truth shall make you free.

WE ARE NOT NANNY STATE.

FOLLOW THE MONEY, WHO BENEFITS?

The majority of people are literate in Montana and can read the information already provided.

Support the idea of education, but at what cost, and who is going to pay for this information distribution.

"provide" who will provide the taxpayer. at what cost. Who knows. The listed price is \$122.00 plus the cost to install, a guess 122.00 or 250.00 x 1,000,000 cars is 1/4 billion dollars. who will foot that bill.

Industry already does this, don't need to spend more tax dollars on this. \$3.50 per gallon? You think this isn't already being done?

Consumer Reports has said these numbers are fabricated. They are not believable. So, the government by getting involved will make this better? I think probably worse!

People need to buy using their own brains and resources. The State need not be involved.

education is always good

LEAVE IT UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL TO RESEARCH MPG ON THEIR VEHICLES.

Isn't this done by vehicle manufactures and the market. And the Federal Government. We do not need another agency in Montana to promote and monitor this.

With the price of fuel don't you think people already are aware of this?

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Consumer information should be tested by groups not paid or hired by the company building the vehicle for adequate information.

Good idea. People will make the difference.

Absolutely.

Most consumers are already looking at this

I guess we have to babysit the electorate since they are too stupid. I guess they did put you into office so you may have a point.

Not the Gov'ts Job. Let the Sierra club and Al Gore spend their money on educating the public. DO NOT SPEND MY TAX DOLLARS ON SUCH A WASTE OF TIME.

tax incentives to motivate.

I would recommend the state require each vehicle be tested by an independent source or by simply sending out a questionnaire to each new car registered six months after registration.

More redundant spending.

raise taxes

So this is how my state taxes are being spent. No.

As a part of an overall consumer education program.

This can be achieved in a number of ways. I have an instantaneous gas-mileage meter on my car, and while driving I get at least 5 miles per gallon more than an inexperienced (in the driving techniques of saving gas) driver does. This is a sad reality which should be improved. Great suggestion.

Let the automotive manufactures do this. If their vehicle is more efficient they will use the information to sell more of them.

Reduce the speed limit!!

Information is already out there and readily available. State should not have to put out large amounts of money to provide the information. fuelconomy.gov

The car companies do this. My tax dollars don't need to be wasted paying some government bureaucrat or campaign contributor to do this.

Education is a must on all these issues through govt. funding.

yes. for state-owned vehicles, private consumers, and all of the Federal Agencies operating in MT

Use existing resources; don't create a new program or raise taxes to accomplish this. There's already a wealth of information out there.

Probably government doesn't need to spend precious resources on this -- we can make these decisions without Helena's help.

Most people are acutely aware of the gas mileage they get on their vehicles now. The price of gas will take care of this.

could you do this without spending a couple of million ie newspapers, public awareness through existing programs?

Yes, and mandate the purchase for state fleets. It is really good PR too.

Yes, and make sure the MPG determination is based on science and not on some vested interest group.

Already have this. Don't need to spend more tax dollars!

Taxpayer dollars to educate people on what they already know! We know what it costs to drive our cars now!

Education, always a powerful tool, and always necessary.

Manufacturers and the EPA already do this.

This is already done adequately on the Federal level.

Doubt the efficacy of this: most Montanans will drive as usual unless this is regulated (or priced) out of possibility. Land-use planning to reduce sprawl development probably more effective

Done now, but need snow plows and heavy duty vehicles for road maintenance. how do you do this when they vehicles manufactured are not making more fuel efficient vehicles.

Need to understand program funding and cost to consumer or taxpayer.

Fuel consumption information should be made under real time driving conditions, not in a laboratory under ideal conditions. Look at the Preus which actually gets about 30% worse MPG than Toyota listed in its consumer information data. Making it less cost effective and environmentally friendly than we were lead to believe.

This recommendation could lead to increased costs to consumers and should be analyzed to determine total cost to consumers.

Too costly. Feds are handling most of this.

This is something that is already happening as a result of ever increasing gas prices. Significant investment in further education is less important than substantive commitments to research and development and implementation of regulations.

Ties directly into the education argument. Give people honest explanations of their choices and consequences of each and then the ability (transparency) to choose and most people will make the right choice.

Our State government feels that the people they represent do not have the expertise to think for themselves. This is Montana ... not California ... nor any other State in the Union.

a waste of money

The State passed a law requiring alcohol to be added to gasoline, which cut gas miles per gallon by 14% in most cars and requires 39% more energy to make. We don't need to have our MPG cut again by State mandate.

A waste of time, resources and effort

All of these are 'feel good' expensive bulls**t legislation. Global warming is NOT a fact (cold records set last winter in the southern hemisphere) so it might be Northern hemisphere warming, but not global. Secondly, latest studies of the sun spots (that control global temperatures more than humans) indicate that within 20 years we will be back in a 'mini-ice age'. Not politically correct, but MUCH more accurate.

For economic reasons only. There is an abundance of natural energy. We really don't need to worry about conservation from that standpoint.

For this to impact decisions, gasoline must become so expensive that no one can afford it.

Two words....Brain.....Washing...

general motors already offers this info

The education provided needs to cover both the positive and negative aspects of the info provided.

I believe any advertisement for any vehicle ought to require fuel efficiency information. This should be part of the up front information. A person shouldn't have to go to the internet to research fuel economy. Nor should we have to waste gas driving to all the auto dealerships to read the individual labels on the vehicles.

All "fleet" operators should be required to run hybrid cars.

Education is good, but not enough. Many people already know that big vehicles have more negative environmental impact, yet they still drive them.

We already have enough education that most folks don't have time to mess with.

Its on every sticker and every internet site. Lets not waste time and money being redundant.

Hooray!! Good luck.

good one on this resource.

Do not waste further resources on this effort already handled well by EPA and widely available through automotive publications and consumer reports.

AND REINSTITUTE THE 55MPH SPEED LIMIT, WHICH INCREASES MPF SIGNIFICANTLY, AND HENCE DECREASES GREENHOUSE GASSES!

People already know what their MPG is. You're wasting energy & resources rehashing it.

Finally! accuracy in advertisement is nessissarry! the MPG ratings for new cars is way off. Especially way off on american cars. My ford has never matched the mileage clamed on the window at the time of sale.

people know what milage they get.

This should not be a program of the state. With the high cost of fuel people are paying more attention to this information on all vehicles.

Do you really think people aren't aware of the fuel efficiency of their vehicles? The resources are already out there. Look at the sticker on a new vehicle. The fuel efficienecy is printed in BOLD print.

Include information on the cost of mileage differences under different scenerios (for example, if you drive x miles per year and gas is priced at \$x per gallon, a car with 5 or 10 mpg better performance would cost \$ x less per year.)

Make emission standards mandatory, similar to what California has.

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Again, make sure education doesn't spin into propaganda.

Consumers who care already know.

There needs to be some teeth to get many consumers to reduce their fuel use.

By an independent agency--not the manufacturer, who doesn't always give an accurate representation

There is already adequate information on MPG.

People are fairly aware of gas prices and will generally direct their behavior according to that...

GOOD! Start by driving slower! Change spark plugs and wires, keep oil clean, properly inflate tires, etc-these are all simple things people can do.

cap state speed limit at 65

The weather in some rural areas of Montana make it important to drive something that can navigate the winter roads. We want people to be safe. These vehicles are often not too fuel efficient.

High prices at the fuel pump will be far more effective than any government run information program.

who dosent look at he guess-ta-mate of MPG on the sticker now?

Cost savings are highly publicized already. No need to be redundant.

Making sure, of course, that this information includes the fact that studies are also showing these renewable-resource-based fuels are, themselves, contributing negatively to greenhouse gas emmissions.

Education is a great investment

SOUNDS GREAT, BUT WE HAVE A PROGRAM IN PLACE NOW---ITS CALLED "PRICE AT THE PUMP"

I think the media will eventually find that consumers want to know how to reduce their consumption of \$3/gallon gasoline, and similarly, home heating oil.

Respondent does not have sufficient information or knowledge to rank this recommendation.

we don't need to spend money on this. The consumer is far smarter than this proposal.

This information is already available from industry and internet sources. With all the other funding requirements we do not need to spend money on this.

Not against this - but it is already occurring.

Cars already have this information available.

See my comments on how these education efforts should be set up and carried out, and followed up.

Aren't those the nice little stickers that are on all the windows in the car lot? We all know what gas mileage we get. Another program is not needed.

Market forces and gas prices will drive this to change

Holcim supports consumer education programs, but recognizes the need for appropriate funding mechanisms for these outreach / education programs.

IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF VEHICLE MANUFACTURES WOULD REDUCE THE COST OF FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLES. THE PRICES OF THESE VEHICLES IS COST PROHIBITIVE TO ALOT OF AMERICAN MIDDLE CLASS AND LOWER MIDDLE CLASS. I WOULD LOVE TO OWN ONE OF THESE FUEL EFFICIENT CARS, BUT CANNOT AFFORD ONE, AND MY HUSBAND AND I BOTH WORK FULL TIME. PRETTY SAD.

Don't rely on the auto industry for accurate information.

looks good from the surface

Only if private funds are used, no tax payer dollars.

Already there with EPA milage numbers on cars.