## Animas High School Model Senate

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## Title of Bill:

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE ANIMAS HIGH SCHOOL MODEL CONGRESS

- 1 Preamble: Whereas Climate Change is a pressing, scientifically based issue of
- 2 the 21st Century, and because the polar icecaps are contracting at a rate of 9%
- 3 per century, and since super storms are expected to become more frequent and
- 4 violent due to our greenhouse gas emissions, and since we as citizens of the
- 5 United States still rely on coal fired power plants to provide us with an annual
- 6 39% of the total energy we use as a population, and since natural gas fired
- 7 power plants provide us with 27% of our annual energy intake, and since both
- 8 coal and natural gas are proven to release harmful greenhouse gasses into our
- **9** atmosphere, and since wind only makes up 4% of our annual energy creation,
- **10** and since solar power makes up for less than 1% of our annual energy creation,
- 11 and since the science behind climate change is a bipartisan issue,

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- **13** <u>SECTION 1:</u> Increase funding to sustainable, clean energy generation and use.
- 14 Sub-SECTION A: Give tax cuts to companies that contribute to the creation and
- **15** production of environmentally- beneficial means of transportation and electricity
- **16** consumption
- 17 <u>Sub-SECTION B:</u> Mandate funding to the 5 states in the U.S. that emit the most
- 18 carbon and use the most energy to go directly towards alternative, cleaner
- **19** energy sources.
- 20 <u>Sub-SECTION C:</u> Mandate funding to states to go directly towards free, public
- **21** transportation
- 22 Sub-SECTION D: Use 50% of tax revenue from cap and trade tax (line 29) to
- 23 attribute to the funds of SECTION 1

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- 25 SECTION 2: Provide federal scholarships to citizens pursuing a career in
- **26** renewables and green energy

- 27 Sub-SECTION A: Use 25% of tax revenue from cap and trade tax (lines 37-50)
- 28 to fund scholarship programs for college students

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- **30** SECTION 3: Incentivize individual counties to develop and consume cleaner
- **31** energy.
- 32 <u>Sub-SECTION A</u>: Provide federal tax cuts to 9citizens living in counties that
- 33 prove they consume more renewable generated energy than fossil fuels
- 34 <u>Sub-SECTION B:</u> Give extra funds to counties that prove they consume more
- **35** renewable generated energy than fossil fuels
- 36 <u>Sub-SECTION C:</u> Fund Sub-SECTION B, SECTION 3 with remaining 25% of tax
- **37** revenue from cap and trade (lines 37-50)

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- **39** <u>SECTION 4:</u> Incentivize corporations and businesses to reduce their emissions
- **40** and/or electricity consumption by,
- 41 Sub-SECTION A: Providing federal tax cuts to businesses and corporations that
- 42 prove they consume less energy than they did the previous year by determining
- 43 the percentage difference and then subtracting said percentage from the overall
- 44 amount taxed.
- 45 Sub-SECTION B: Creating a Cap and Trade system that taxes corporations and
- 46 businesses for using more energy than they did the previous year by determining
- 47 the percentage difference, doubling it, and then adding doubled percentage to
- **48** the overall amount taxed.
- **49** Sub-SECTION D: Impose a 5% gross profit based carbon tax to any corporation
- 50 or industrial center that releases more carbon than they did the previous year.
- 51 <u>Sub-SECTION E:</u> All imposed taxes from annual reports will be enforced until the
- 52 next year's annual report is released and evaluated

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- **54** SECTION 5: Reduce private funding of power plants/energy generation
- 55 <u>Sub-SECTION A</u>: Any person or corporation that chooses to fund such plant
- **56** must do so publicly.
- 57 <u>Sub-SECTION B:</u> Power Plant owners are required to release the financial
- **58** sources that provide funding

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- **60** SECTION 6: Provide a federally funded and monitored study on the natural gas
- **61** industry and the atmospheric quality across the United States
- **62** Sub-SECTION A: Fund the EPA's research on methane leaks from natural gas
- 63 stations and plants using money from Cap and Trade tax (lines 37-50)
- 64 Sub-SECTION B: Use only studies conducted through governmentally monitored
- 65 non profit institutions to assess our industrial and environmental impacts

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**67** SECTION 7: This bill shall go into effect two years after passage.