

## Economic Impact Statement: Attachment B

Pursuant to sections 177 and 209 of the federal Clean Air Act, there are only two alternatives available to Vermont: (1) adopt emission standards that identical to those adopted by California; or (2) accept the default federal standards. *See* 42 U.S.C. §§ 7507, 7543.

As shown in Table 1 below, CARB found that the net effect of the GHG standards on the state economy is expected to be small but positive when compared to no regulation. It is reasonable to assume a similar distribution in Vermont's economy given that both California and Vermont consumers are expected to realize an economic benefit from the proposed regulation (see Attachment A). According to CARB's assessment, state output is expected to decrease slightly, primarily due to the impact on gasoline distribution sectors, while personal income and employment would increase by a greater extent.<sup>1</sup>

**Table 1: Estimated Impact of GHG Standards on State Economy**

	2010	2020	2030
Output (%)	-0.002	-0.09	-0.1
Personal Income (%)	0.01	0.	0.3
Employment (%)	0.02	0.3	0.4

Source: CARB Report to Legislature, Table 4-1.

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<sup>1</sup> California Environmental Protection Agency Air Resources Board, *Report to the Legislature and Governor on Regulations to Control Greenhouse Gases Emissions From Motor Vehicles*, 14 (Dec. 2004).