

ENROLLED ACT NO. 60, SENATE

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AN ACT relating to the select federal natural resource management committee; modifying criteria for membership and duties of the committee; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 28-11-501(a)(i)(B), (ii)(B), (b)(iii), by creating a new paragraph (iv) and by creating a new subsection (c) is amended to read:

28-11-501. Appointment of members; powers and duties.

(a) Not later than March 15 following each general election, a select federal natural resource management committee shall be appointed subject to the following:

(i) The president of the senate shall appoint three (3) members of the senate apportioned as nearly as possible to reflect the percentage of the elected membership of the majority and minority parties of the senate, provided not more than five (5) of the members of the select committee shall be from the same political party. Select committee membership shall include:

(B) One (1) member ~~of the senate appropriations committee~~ appointed at-large; and

(ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three (3) members of the house apportioned as nearly as possible to reflect the percentage of the elected membership of the majority and minority parties of the house, provided not more than five (5) of the members of the select committee shall be from the same political party. Select committee membership shall include:

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(B) One (1) member ~~of the house appropriations committee~~ appointed at-large; and

(b) The select committee shall:

(iii) ~~Develop and introduce legislative responses~~ Consider issues related to federal policies and actions necessary to protect the interests of the state of Wyoming public lands. In considering the topic, the select committee:

(A) Shall determine the potential structure of ownership of public lands within the state including consideration of the state owning the surface rights, owning the subsurface rights, managing either the surface or subsurface, or both, or other ownership and management options as determined by the committee;

(B) Shall determine criteria for management of public lands including consideration of rights currently existing under federal law;

(C) Shall consider methods for the federal government to divest public lands held within the state including consideration of legal action and congressional action;

(D) May secure consulting services, if necessary, to provide technical assistance in compiling information related to public lands within the state or other issues related to the transfer of public lands.

(iv) Develop and introduce legislation as necessary related to the acquisition or management of public lands and legislative responses to federal policies

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and actions necessary to protect the interests of the state of Wyoming.

(c) As used in this section, "public lands" means any surface or subsurface lands within the boundaries of the state, title to which is held by the federal government. "Public lands" shall not include any land within the boundaries of a designated national park, designated national monument or wilderness area designated under the national wilderness preservation system.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk