

*****SJ15 Work Group Discussion Draft*****

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A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a subcommittee of the environmental quality council to study federal land management and providing an immediate effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Federal land management

subcommittee. (1) The environmental quality council shall establish a subcommittee to study the management of federal land in Montana and related issues.

(2) Subcommittee members must be appointed by the chair of the environmental quality council with concurrence of the vice chair.

(3) The voting members of the subcommittee are:

(a) Four legislators, two from each political party, who are members of the environmental quality council; and **(and some percentage of district in federal ownership?)**

(b) Four legislators, two from each political party; who are not members of the environmental quality council; **(and some percentage of district in federal ownership?)**

(4) The subcommittee includes representatives of the following agencies or units of government who shall serve as non-voting members:

(a) two county commissioners appointed by the Montana association of counties; **(and some percentage of county in federal ownership?)**

(b) the department of natural resources and conservation;

(c) the U.S. forest service;

(d) the U.S. bureau of land management;

(e) the governor's office; and

(f) the attorney general.

(5) The voting members of the subcommittee shall elect its presiding officer and vice presiding officer from among the voting members. The officers may not be members of the same political party.

(6) Final recommendations and other work products that would be represented as being produced or endorsed by the environmental quality council must be finally approved by the environmental quality council.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Codification**

instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 75, chapter 1, part 3, and the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, part 3, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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