

Agency Proposal for Legislation for the 2017 Legislative Session

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1. What is the problem or issue?

Board members identified a potential for abuse of livestock loss prevention funding. Current statute language identifies specific items that may be considered for loss prevention that could be caused by environmental factors such as drought.

2. What do you want the legislation to do?

Change the items listed in statute to “proactive measures and other successful prevention methods as they become available”. This will allow the board to evaluate grant applications on their merits rather than being open to challenges because of items listed in law.

3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.

2-15-3111(4)(C)

4. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose (e.g., an increase in or both)?

The proposed change does not require additional funding.

5. Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.

Similar legislation has not been requested or introduced in Montana or other states.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR PROPOSAL FOR LEGISLATION

- by Aug. 12, 2016, to be on the EAIC Aug. 30-31, 2016, Agenda

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