

1 H BILL NO. 390
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CREATE A CABIN CREEK
 5 TASK FORCE TO MONITOR THE CABIN CREEK COAL DEVELOPMENT IN
 6 CANADA; TO INFORM MONTANA OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES; TO
 7 PREPARE AND PRESENT POLICIES CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT; AND
 8 TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO A TECHNICAL TASK FORCE STUDYING THE
 9 DEVELOPMENT."

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 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 Section 1. Cabin Creek task force. There is a Cabin
 13 Creek task force.

14 Section 2. Administration. (1) For administrative
 15 purpose only, the task force is allocated to the governor's
 16 office.

17 (2) The commission shall adopt rules for the conduct
 18 of business.

19 Section 3. Task force membership. (1) The task force
 20 consists of 11 persons appointed by the governor.

21 (2) Members of the task force shall be appointed for
 22 3-year terms.

23 (3) Two of the members shall represent the federal
 24 government. Two of the members shall represent the state.
 25 Three of the members shall represent local government in

1 Flathead County. Two of the members shall represent private
 2 commercial interests. Two of the members shall represent
 3 private environmental interests. One of the members
 4 representing the federal government shall be associated with
 5 the United States department of state.

6 (4) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the
 7 governor.

8 (5) The members shall elect one of their number as
 9 chairman and one of their number as vice-chairman.

10 Section 4. Meetings. (1) The task force shall meet at
 11 least twice a year. The time and location of meetings shall
 12 be determined by the task force and shall be publicized.

13 (2) All task force meetings shall be open to the
 14 public.

15 (3) The meetings may be held anywhere in the state.

16 Section 5. Reimbursement for expenses. A task force
 17 member, while engaged in task force business, is entitled to
 18 reimbursement for travel as provided in 59-538, 59-539, and
 19 59-801, including travel in Canada.

20 Section 6. Information clearinghouse. (1) The task
 21 force shall collect information related to the Cabin Creek
 22 coal development.

23 (2) This information shall be sent to interested
 24 persons upon request. The task force shall develop a
 25 mailing list of the international, federal, state, and local

1 entities, both public and private, involved in activities
 2 concerning the Cabin Creek coal development and the
 3 communication and news media. The task force shall send to
 4 parties on the mailing list such information, as the task
 5 force considers of value to the recipient.

6 (3) The task force shall keep the citizens of Montana
 7 informed of activities associated with the Cabin Creek coal
 8 development.

9 Section 7. Development of policy -- public hearings.

10 (1) The task force shall develop management policies related
 11 to the Cabin Creek coal development.

12 (2) These policies may only be developed following
 13 adequate public hearings.

14 (3) The task force may present these policies at any
 15 public hearing or to any governmental agency whether
 16 international, national, state, or local.

17 (4) A policy may be adopted only by vote of a majority
 18 of the task force members.

19 (5) The task force may not represent a policy as a
 20 policy of the United States without express approval from
 21 the federal government.

22 Section 8. Attendance at public meetings. Whenever
 23 possible, the task force shall be represented at any meeting
 24 related to the Cabin Creek coal development.

25 Section 9. Leadership for technical activities. If the

1 existing federal interagency task force, which was
 2 established by the United States state department in the
 3 fall of 1975, is continued, either in its present status or
 4 with an expanded state and local involvement, the Cabin
 5 Creek task force shall provide leadership for the activities
 6 of the technical task force if the United States agrees to
 7 such a role.

8 Section 10. Transitional section. Upon initially
 9 appointing the 11 members of the task force, the governor
 10 shall designate one of them as acting chairman until the
 11 first meeting of the commission. The acting chairman shall
 12 establish a time and place for the first meeting of the task
 13 force. The first meeting shall be held within 2 months of
 14 the effective date of this act.

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