

1 H BILL NO. 484 Mont
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 262-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 1, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 484 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 484 establishes the Montana Rangeland Resources Advisory Committee to promote the coordination of activities intended to maintain and enhance the rangeland resources of the State of Montana.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. House Bill 484 places into law functions currently being performed by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

Ronald L. King for
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-2-77

Approved by Committee
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March 25, 1977

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
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Following: "RESOURCES"
Strike: "ADVISORY"
2. Amend page 1, line 13 through line 19, page 2.
Following: line 12
Strike: line 13, page 1 through line 19, page 2 in their entirety.
3. Amend page 4, section 3, lines 11 through 13.
Following: line 10
Strike: line 11 through line 13 in their entirety.
Re-number: Subsequent subsections.
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Following: line 14
Strike: "AD HOC VOLUNTARY advisory"
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Following: "Section 5."
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Insert: "Committee"
Following: "composition."
Strike: "There"
Insert: "The governor"
7. Amend page 5, section 5, line 18.
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Strike: line 9 through line 11 in their entirety.
Re-number: subsequent subsections.

11. Amend page 7, section 5, line 6.
Following: "SERVICE"
Strike: ";"
Insert: "."
12. Amend page 7, section 5, line 7.
Following: line 6
Strike: line 7 in its entirety.
13. Amend page 7, section 6, line 8.
Following: "Section 6."
Strike: "Advisory committee"
Insert: "Committee"
14. Amend page 7, section 6, line 15.
Following: "through"
Strike: "(7)"
Insert: "(6)"
15. Amend page 7, section 6, lines 18 through 20.
Following: "DISTRICTS."
Strike: line 18 through line 20 in their entirety.
16. Amend page 7, section 6, line 22.
Following: "SUBSECTION"
Strike: "(8)"
Insert: "(7)"
17. Amend page 7, section 6, line 24 through line 1, page 8.
Following: "(3)"
Strike: line 24, page 7 through line 1, page 8 in their entirety.
Insert: "The committee members shall serve without compensation."
18. Amend page 8, section 6, lines 6 and 7.
Following: "GOVERNOR"
Strike: "WITH THE ADVICE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS"
19. Amend page 8, section 7, line 8.
Following: "of"
Strike: "advisory"
Following: "The"
Strike: "advisory"
20. Amend page 8, section 7, line 10.
Following: "review and"
Strike: "develop"
Insert: "recommend"
21. Amend page 8, section 7, line 11.
Following: line 10
Strike: "plans"
Insert: "programs"
22. Amend page 8, section 7, line 12.
Following: "(2)"
Strike: "set"
Insert: "suggest"
23. Amend page 8, section 7, lines 14 and 15.
Following: "program"
Strike: "within the funds available"

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 484
 2 INTRODUCED BY NATHE, SIVERTSEN, AAGESON,
 3 MARKS, MYRICK, CONROY, DAVIS, WOOD, SEVERSON
 4

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT, WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN
 6 AS THE "MONTANA RANGELAND RESOURCES ACT", TO BE ADMINISTERED
 7 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION;
 8 ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA RANGELAND RESOURCES ADVISORY
 9 COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES INTENDED
 10 TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE RANGELAND RESOURCES OF THE STATE
 11 OF MONTANA."

12
 13 WHEREAS, Montana is primarily a rangeland state; 70% of
 14 the area is rangeland and grazeable; woodland; the largest
 15 source of income in Montana is livestock production, which
 16 is based on the grazing of these lands; and approximately
 17 90% of the grazing for livestock and 65% of the forage for
 18 big game animals is produced on privately owned lands; and

19 WHEREAS, during the past 4 decades, range management
 20 has been applied to the land in varying degrees and in many
 21 different ways, the result of which has been a pattern of
 22 fragmented management with wide variety of success and
 23 failure; and

24 WHEREAS, today's major demands and uses of Montana's
 25 rangelands are livestock, forage, wildlife habitat,

1 high-quality water production, pollution control, erosion
 2 control, recreation, natural beauty of the state, and sites
 3 for urban and industrial areas; and

4 WHEREAS, much progress has been made where range
 5 research, information from the universities, and technical
 6 assistance have been employed; these services being high in
 7 quality and forming the nucleus of a very successful
 8 movement to improve Montana ranges; and

9 WHEREAS, the primary benefits that will come directly
 10 from range improvement will be increased forage production,
 11 increased income to rangeland operations, and the urban
 12 public; increased tax base; a significant reduction of soil
 13 losses from wind and water erosion; minimization of water
 14 and air pollution; stabilization of streamflow; improved
 15 wildlife habitat; and improvement of the natural beauty of
 16 the state;

17 THEREFORE, it is the intent of this bill to provide a
 18 framework within which coordination of sound and effective
 19 range management activities can be effected;

20
 21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

22 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known as the
 23 "Montana Rangeland Resources Act".

24 Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to
 25 establish a program of rangeland management whereby:

1 (1) the importance of Montana's rangeland with respect
 2 to livestock, forage, wildlife habitat, high-quality water
 3 production, pollution control, erosion control, recreation,
 4 and the natural beauty of the state is recognized;

5 (2) cooperation and coordination of range management
 6 activities between persons and organizations charged with or
 7 having the management of rangeland, whether private or
 8 public, can be promoted and developed; and

9 (3) those who are doing exceptional work in range
 10 management can receive appropriate recognition.

11 Section 3. Definitions. As used in this act, the
 12 following definitions apply:

13 (1) "Rangeland" means land on which the native
 14 vegetation (climax or natural potential) is predominantly
 15 grasses, grasslike plants, forbs, or shrubs suitable for
 16 grazing or browsing use. The term includes lands revegetated
 17 naturally or artificially to provide a forage cover that is
 18 managed like native vegetation. Rangelands include natural
 19 grasslands, savannahs, shrublands, most deserts, tundra,
 20 alpine communities, coastal marshes, and wet meadows.

21 (2) "Grazeable woodlands" means forest land on which
 22 the understory includes, as an integral part of the forest
 23 plant community, plants that can be grazed without
 24 significantly impairing other forest values.

25 (3) "Range management" means a distinct discipline

1 founded on ecological principles and dealing with the
 2 husbandry of rangelands and range resources.

3 (4) "Montana rangeland resource program" means the
 4 rangeland resource program administered by the conservation
 5 districts division of the department of natural resources
 6 and conservation in concert with the Montana conservation
 7 districts law AND THE GRASS CONSERVATION ACT to maintain and
 8 enhance the rangeland resources of the state.

9 (5) "Department" means the department of natural
 10 resources and conservation.

11 ~~(6) "Council" means the existing resource conservation~~
 12 ~~advisory council within the department of natural resources~~
 13 ~~and conservation.~~

14 ~~(7) (6) "Committee" means the Montana rangeland~~
 15 ~~resources AD-HOC VOLUNTARY advisory committee SELECTED AS~~
 16 ~~PROVIDED IN SECTION 6.~~

17 ~~(8) (7) "Users of rangeland" means all persons,~~
 18 including but not limited to ranchers, farmers, sportsmen,
 19 recreationists, and others appreciative of the functional,
 20 productive, aesthetic, and recreational uses of rangelands.

21 Section 4. State coordinator. (1) The department shall
 22 maintain and staff the office of state coordinator for the
 23 rangeland resources act.

24 (2) The state coordinator shall:

25 (a) serve as an advisor, counselor, and coordinator

1 for and between persons and agencies involved in range
2 management;

3 (b) strive to create understanding and compatibility
4 between the many users of rangeland, including sportsmen,
5 recreationists, ranchers, and others;

6 (c) promote and coordinate the adoption and
7 implementation of sound range management plans to minimize
8 conflicts between governmental agencies and private
9 landowners;

10 (d) participate in zoning and planning studies to
11 insure that native ranges are adequately represented at
12 sessions for development of zoning and planning regulations;

13 (e) coordinate range management research to help
14 prevent duplication and overlap of effort in this area;

15 ~~(f) perform such other functions as the advisory~~
16 ~~committee may require.~~

17 Section 5. ~~Advisory committee~~ COMMITTEE composition.
18 There ~~THE GOVERNOR~~ may be an advisory ~~SELECT A~~ committee ~~IN~~
19 ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 6] which is composed as follows:

20 (1) a chairman who is a rancher ~~and who is or has been~~
21 ~~a supervisor of a state conservation district or a director~~
22 ~~of a state grazing district;~~

23 (2) a vice-chairman who is a rancher; ~~if the chairman~~
24 ~~is or has been a supervisor of a state conservation~~
25 ~~district, the vice-chairman shall be or have been a director~~

1 ~~of a state grazing district, or if the chairman is or has~~
2 ~~been a director of a state grazing district, the~~
3 ~~vice-chairman shall be or have been a supervisor of a state~~
4 ~~conservation district;~~

5 (3) a rancher from the eastern area of the state;

6 (4) a rancher from the northern area of the state;

7 (5) a rancher from the area of the state west of the
8 continental divide;

9 (6) a rancher from the southern area of the state;

10 ~~(7) one of the above mentioned ranchers from any of~~
11 ~~the areas should be a member of a Montana state grazing~~
12 ~~district;~~

13 ~~(8)~~ (1) a representative from each of the following
14 agencies:

15 (a) Soil conservation service;

16 (b) United States forest service;

17 (c) Montana state university;

18 (d) Farmers home administration;

19 (e) Montana stockgrowers association;

20 (f) Office of economic development division;

21 (g) School of forestry of the university of Montana;

22 (h) Department of fish and game;

23 (i) Bureau of land management;

24 (j) Montana woolgrowers association;

25 (k) Department of natural resources and conservation;

1 (l) Bureau of Indian affairs;
 2 (m) Montana cattlemen's association;
 3 (n) Department of state lands;
 4 (o) Society for range management;
 5 (p) UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE;
 6 (q) UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL AND STABILIZATION
 7 SERVICE.
 8 ~~(r) OTHER GROUPS ACCEPTABLE TO THE COORDINATOR.~~
 9 Section 6. Advisory committee COMMITTEE -- appointment
 10 -- tenure. (1) ~~All members other than the representatives of~~
 11 ~~the agencies enumerated in [section 5] shall be appointed~~
 12 ~~jointly by the executive committee of the association of~~
 13 ~~conservation districts and the board of directors of the~~
 14 ~~Montana association of state grazing districts. THE GOVERNOR~~
 15 ~~SHALL SELECT THE MEMBERS DESCRIBED IN [SECTION 5, SUBSECTION~~
 16 ~~(1) THROUGH (7)(6)] FROM A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE EXECUTIVE~~
 17 ~~COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS AND~~
 18 ~~THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF STATE~~
 19 ~~GRAZING DISTRICTS. The chairman, vice chairman, and members~~
 20 ~~shall be appointed with the consultation of the board of~~
 21 ~~directors of the association of grazing districts.~~
 22 (2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT THE MEMBERS DESCRIBED IN
 23 [SECTION 5, SUBSECTION (0)(7)] FROM A LIST SUBMITTED BY
 24 THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS.
 25 ~~(2)(3) The chairman shall serve for a 2-year term at~~

1 ~~the end of which the vice chairman will become chairman. THE~~
 2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.
 3 ~~(3)(4) All persons appointed to the committee shall~~
 4 ~~serve at the pleasure of the executive committee of the~~
 5 ~~association of conservation districts and the board of~~
 6 ~~directors of the Montana association of state grazing~~
 7 ~~districts. THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE~~
 8 AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.
 9 Section 7. Duties of advisory committee. The advisory
 10 committee shall:
 11 (1) review and develop RECOMMEND annual and long-range
 12 work plans PROGRAMS;
 13 (2) set SUGGEST priorities of work;
 14 (3) provide advice and counsel to the coordinator for
 15 carrying out the rangeland resource program ~~within the funds~~
 16 ~~available.~~

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