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# STATE OF MONTANA

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# FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received <u>February 1</u>, 19 <u>77</u>, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for <u>House Bill 484</u> 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.

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Office of Budget and Program Planning Date: \_\_\_\_\_77

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#### HB 0484/02

#### Approved by Committee on <u>Natural Resources</u>

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# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT Senate Committee on Natural Resources

That House Bill No. 484 be amended as follows: 1. Amend title, line 8. 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. Renumber: Subsequent subsections. 4. Amend page 4, section 3, line 15. Following: line 14 Strike: "AD HOC VOLUNTARY advisory" Amend page 5, section 4, lines 15 and 16. 5. Following: line 14 Strike: lines 15 and 16 in their entirety. 6. Amend page 5, section 5, line 17. ۸ Following: "Section 5." Strike: "Advisory committee" Insert: "Committee" Following: "composition." "There" Strike: Insert: "The governor" 7. Amend page 5, section 5, line 18. Following: line 17 Strike: "be an advisory" "select a" Insert: Following: "committee" Insert: "in accordance with [section 6]" Amend page 5, section 5, lines 19 through 21. 8. Following: "rancher" Strike: line 19 through line 21 in their entirety. Insert: ";" Amend page 5, section 5, line 22 through line 3, page 6. 9. Following: "rancher;" Strike: line 22, page 5 through line 3, page 6 in their entirety. 10. Amend page 6, section 5, lines 9 through 11. Following: line 8 Strike: line 9 through line 11 in their entirety. Renumber: subsequent subsections.

March 25, 1977 Page 2 House Bill No. 484 11. Amend page 7, section 5, line 6. Following: "<u>SERVICE</u>" Strike: ";" "<u>;</u>" 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:  $"(\overline{6})"$ 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:  $"(\overline{7})"$ 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. "The committee members shall serve without compensation." Insert: 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"

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3	MARKS, WYRICK, CONROY, DAVIS, WOOD, SEVERSON
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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
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10	TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE RANGELAND RESOURCES OF THE STATE
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15	sourceofincome-in-Montana-is-livestock-productionv-which
15	is-based-on-the-grazing-of-theselands;andapproximately
17	98%ofthe-grazing-for-livestock-and-65%-of-the-forage-for
18	big-game-animals-is-produced-on-privately-owned-landst-and
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16	the-statew
17	<del>THEREFOREyitis-the-intent-of-this-bill-to-provide-a</del>
18	framework-within-which-coordination-of-soundandeffective
19	range-management-activities-can-be-effected.
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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:

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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 range10 management can receive appropriate recognition.

Section 3. Definitions. As used in this act, the
 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 grazing or browsing use. The term includes lands revegetated 16 17 naturally or artifically 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.

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

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

founded on ecological principles and dealing with the
 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 <u>AND\_THE\_GRASS\_CONSERVATION\_ACI</u> to maintain and 8 enhance the rangeland resources of the state. 9 (5) "Department" means the department of natural

10 resources and conservation.

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 (6)--\*Council\*-means-the-existing-resource-conservation

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 advisory-cauncil-within-the-department-of-natural--resources

 13
 and-conservation\*

14 (77)(6) "Committee" means the Montana rangeland 15 resources <u>AD-HOE-VOLUNTARY-advisory</u> committee <u>SELECTED\_AS</u> 16 <u>PROVIDED IN [SECTION 6]</u>. 17 (67)(11 "Users of rangeland" means all persons.

17 (0)(11) "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

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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	<del>{f}performsuchotherfunctionsastheodvisory</del>
16	committee-may-require.
17	Section 5. Advisorycommittee <u>CDMMIITEE</u> composition.
18	There INE GOVERNOR may be-an-advisory SELECI A committee IN
19	ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 6] which is composed as follows:
20	(1) a chairman who is a rancher <del>and-who-is-or-has-been</del>
21	asupervisor-of-a-state-conservation-district-or-a-director
22	of-a-state-grazing-district;
23	(2) a vice-chairman who is a rancher; <del>if-thechairman</del>
24	<del>isorhasbeenasupervisorofastateconservation</del>
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2	beenadirectorofa-stategrozingdistrictythe
3	vice-chairman-shall-be-or-have-been-a-supervisor-of-astate
4	conservation-district;
5	<ol> <li>a rancher from the eastern area of the state;</li> </ol>
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	<del>{7}one-of-the-above-mentioned-ranchersfromanyo</del> f
11	tneareasshouldbeamember-of-a-Hontana-state-grazing
12	<del>district;</del>
13	<del>t0][]]</del> a representative from each of the following
13 14	<pre>t0;[1] a representative from each of the following agencies:</pre>
14	agencies:
14 15	agencies: (a) Soil conservation service;
14 15 16	agencies: (a) Soil conservation service; (b) United States forest service;
14 15 16 17	agencies: (a) Soil conservation service; (b) United States forest service; (c) Montana state university;
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25 (k) Department of natural resources and conservation;

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1	<li>(1) Bureau of Indian affairs;</li>
2	(m) Montana cattlemen's association;
3	(n) Department of state lands;
4	(o) Society for range management <del>vi</del>
5	(P)UNITED_STATES_FISH_AND_WILDLIFE_SERVICE:
6	(Q)UNITED_STATES_AGRICULTURALANDSTABILIZATION
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10	tenure. (1) All-members-other-than-the-representatives-of
11	theagenciesenumeratedin-{section-5}-shall-be-appointed
12	<del>jointly-by-the-executive-committee-oftheassociationof</del>
13	conservationdistrictsandtheboard-of-directors-of-the
14	Montana-association-of-state-grazing-districts* <u>IHE_GOVERNOR</u>
15	SHALL SELECT THE MEMBERS DESCRIBED IN [SECTION 5: SUBSECTION
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17	CUMMITTEE UF THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS AND
18	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF STATE
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20	shall-be-appointed-with-the-consultationoftheboardof
21	directors-of-the-association-of-grazing-districts.
22	(2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT THE MEMBERS DESCRIBED IN
23	[SECTION 5, SUBSECTION (8)(7)] FROM A LIST SUBMITTED BY
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