

# Transfer of Federal Lands Study Committee

**PURPOSE:** To: (1) examine processes to transfer, manage and dispose of federal lands within this State; (2) conduct hearings to collect, evaluate and analyze information relating to federal lands in this State to identify significant concerns, risks, solutions and goals associated with these lands relating to, (a) environmental quality, (b) economic productivity and sustainability, (c) public health, safety and welfare, (d) consistency with state and local objectives, (e) ownership and jurisdictional responsibilities, (f) other aspects considered appropriate by the Transfer of Federal Lands Study Committee; (3) consult with experts in the fields and industries associated with or related to public lands; (4) survey the County Board of Supervisors of counties that contain at least fifteen percent land area under the management of federal agencies; (5) develop management priorities for public lands received from the federal government for this State and local jurisdictions; (6) identify measures that will ensure that public lands in this State are managed responsibly and prudently for present and future generations; (7) develop processes for this State to receive title to public lands from the federal government and to transfer title to the public lands received from the federal government; and (8) investigate lawful mechanisms, including actions implemented in other states, that may aid in achieving the goals identified pursuant to number (2) above. The Committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2019 to the Governor, The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and provide a copy to the Secretary of State.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

House            The Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, Water and Lands, or its successor committee:  
**Brenda Barton (Chairman)**

The Co-Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, Water and Lands, or its successor committee:  
**Darin Mitchell**

Senate            The Chair of the Senate Committee on Rural Affairs and Environment, or its successor committee:  
**Gail Griffin**

The Co-Chair of the Senate Committee on Rural Affairs and Environment, or its successor committee:  
**Frank Pratt**

Other            One public member, appointed by the Governor:  
**Ms. Amanda Reeve (9/20/2020)**

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