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Representatives Barton, Gray, Thorpe, Townsend: Bowers, Shope, Weninger

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE TRANSFER OF FEDERAL LANDS STUDY COMMITTEE.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Transfer of federal lands study committee:
3 membership; duties; report; delayed repeal
4 A. The transfer of federal lands study committee is established
5 consisting of the following members:
6 1. The chairperson and vice chairperson of the house of
7 representatives committee on agriculture, water and lands, or its successor
8 committee.
9 2. The chairperson and vice chairperson of the senate committee on
10 natural resources, or its successor committee.
11 3. One member of the public who is appointed by the governor.
12 B. The transfer of federal lands study committee is formed to examine
13 processes to transfer, manage and dispose of federal lands within this state.
14 C. The transfer of federal lands study committee shall:
15 1. Conduct hearings to collect, evaluate and analyze information
16 relating to federal lands in this state to identify significant concerns,
17 risks, solutions and goals associated with these lands relating to the
18 following:
19 (a) Environmental quality.
20 (b) Economic productivity and sustainability.
21 (c) Public health, safety and welfare.
22 (d) Consistency with state and local objectives.
23 (e) Ownership and jurisdictional responsibilities.
24 (f) Other aspects considered appropriate by the transfer of federal
25 lands study committee.
26 2. Survey the county board of supervisors of counties that contain at
27 least fifteen percent land area under the management of federal agencies.
28 3. Develop management priorities for public lands received from the
29 federal government for this state and local jurisdictions.
30 4. Identify measures that will ensure that public lands in this state
31 are managed responsibly and prudently for present and future generations.
32 5. Develop processes for this state to receive title to public lands
33 from the federal government and to transfer title to the public lands
34 received from the federal government.
35 6. Investigate lawful mechanisms, including actions implemented in
36 other states, that may aid in achieving the goals identified pursuant to
37 paragraph 1 of this subsection.
38 7. Submit a report regarding the committee's activities, findings and
39 recommendations on or before December 31, 2016 to the governor, the president
40 of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and provide a
41 copy of this report to the secretary of state.
42 D. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2017.