

REFERENCE TITLE: Mexican wolf; management committee; appropriation

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HB 2160

Introduced by
Representative Diaz

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE MEXICAN WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
APPROPRIATING MONIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Mexican wolf management plan development
3 committee; membership; duties; report; delayed
4 repeal

5 A. The Mexican wolf management plan development committee is
6 established consisting of the following members appointed by the Arizona
7 game and fish commission:

8 1. Three public members who are sportsmen selected from a list of
9 five names submitted jointly by the president of the senate and the
10 speaker of the house of representatives.

11 2. Three public members who are cattlemen selected from a list of
12 five names submitted jointly by the president of the senate and the
13 speaker of the house of representatives.

14 3. Three public members who are wildlife conservationists selected
15 from a list of five names submitted jointly by the president of the senate
16 and the speaker of the house of representatives.

17 B. The committee shall develop a plan for effectively managing
18 Mexican wolves if Mexican wolves were to be delisted from the endangered
19 species act. The plan shall include:

20 1. Methods to effectively manage Mexican wolf populations by
21 creating new hunting opportunities for sportsmen.

22 2. Protections for existing livestock and methods to adequately
23 compensate ranchers for the ranchers' past roles in sustaining Mexican
24 wolf populations.

25 3. Development of programs and incentives for humane and nonlethal
26 control and deterrence of Mexican wolves to prevent conflict and takings.

27 C. On or before December 31, 2027, the committee shall submit a
28 report regarding the committee's activities and recommendations for
29 legislative action to the Arizona game and fish commission, the president
30 of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and provide
31 a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

32 D. The committee may use and the Arizona game and fish commission
33 shall provide to the committee administrative support services, including
34 coordinating meetings and using the commission's meeting rooms, buildings
35 and staff to conduct research and draft the report required by subsection
36 C of this section.

37 E. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2028.

38 Sec. 2. Appropriation; Arizona game and fish commission

39 The sum of \$_____ is appropriated from the state general fund
40 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the Arizona game and fish commission for the
41 purposes of this act.