

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

February 22, 2016

Date

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB16-021 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 4, strike "national" and substitute
2 "national, state, and local".

3 Page 2, line 11, strike "the foundation" and substitute "a foundation".

4 Page 2, line 20, strike "pursuits" and substitute "pursuits, such as hunting,
5 fishing, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, and rafting,".

6 Page 3, line 1, strike "and".

7 Page 3, after line 1, insert:

8 (h) Coloradans will benefit when the three levels of government
9 in the federal, state, and local government systems are working in greater
10 harmony and in full partnership to serve diverse public needs for access
11 and utilization of public lands;

12 (i) Coloradans of all races, ethnicities, occupations, and lifestyles
13 continue to derive multiple benefits from the traditional, long-standing
14 multiple-use management philosophy of public lands under the
15 stewardship of the National Forest Service and the United States Bureau
16 of Land Management, practices that reflect the public support for policies
17 incorporating a judicious balance between aesthetic, recreational, and
18 economic values;

19 (j) Coloradans have demonstrated for over a century the ability to
20 balance the values of preservation, conservation, and economic

1 productivity, clearly indicating that these values are not in conflict;
2 (k) Coloradans overwhelmingly prefer to maintain the historic
3 balance between conservation and public access to public lands and reject
4 additional and unwise restrictions on public access via roads and trails;
5 (l) Coloradans recognize the need for giving a higher priority to
6 proactive management measures to conserve and protect national forests
7 from invasive and harmful species and from wildfires;
8 (m) Coloradans believe that federal agencies and the President
9 should consult with state and local elected bodies, including the General
10 Assembly, before designating new national monuments;
11 (n) Coloradans would be well served by a reform and greater
12 legislative oversight of the current federal regulatory process, wherein the
13 diverse vital interests of Coloradans are too often not adequately
14 represented in the adjudication and settlement of federal regulatory issues,
15 resulting too often in "sweetheart" consent decrees between plaintiffs and
16 federal agencies; and".

17 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

18 Page 3, line 4, strike "fourth Monday in March" and substitute "third
19 Saturday in May".

20 Page 3, lines 7 and 8, strike "FOURTH MONDAY IN MARCH" and substitute
21 "THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY".

22 Page 3, strike lines 12 and 13.

23 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

24 Page 3, strike lines 16 through 18 and substitute:

25 **"SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
27 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
28 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a
29 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
30 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
31 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
32 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

1 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

3 Page 1, line 101, strike "**FOURTH MONDAY IN MARCH**" and substitute
4 "**THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY**".

5 Page 1, line 103, strike "**FOURTH MONDAY IN MARCH**" and substitute
6 "**THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY**".

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