SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

February 22, 2016

Chairman of Committee

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 "national, state, and local".

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

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

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

5 Page 3, after line 1, insert:

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

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

   (j) Coloradans have demonstrated for over a century the ability to balance the values of preservation, conservation, and economic"
productivity, clearly indicating that these values are not in conflict;

(k) Coloradans overwhelmingly prefer to maintain the historic
balance between conservation and public access to public lands and reject
additional and unwise restrictions on public access via roads and trails;

(l) Coloradans recognize the need for giving a higher priority to
proactive management measures to conserve and protect national forests
from invasive and harmful species and from wildfires;

(m) Coloradans believe that federal agencies and the President
should consult with state and local elected bodies, including the General
Assembly, before designating new national monuments;

(n) Coloradans would be well served by a reform and greater
legislative oversight of the current federal regulatory process, wherein the
diverse vital interests of Coloradans are too often not adequately
represented in the adjudication and settlement of federal regulatory issues,
resulting too often in "sweetheart" consent decrees between plaintiffs and
federal agencies; and".

Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

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

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

Page 3, strike lines 12 and 13.

Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

Page 3, strike lines 16 through 18 and substitute:

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

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

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

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