

SB021\_L.002

## SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.SB16-021 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 1, strike "and".

2 Page 3, after line 1, insert:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

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