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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "." TO **L.D. 1534** An Act To Reform the Land Use and Planning Authority in the Unorganized Territories

Amend the bill by changing the Title to '**Resolve, To Reform the Land Use and Planning Authority in the Unorganized Territories**'

Amend the bill by striking everything after the enacting clause and replacing it with:

**Sec. 1. Commission on Reform of the Governance of Land Use Planning in the Unorganized Territory established.** The Commission on Reform of the Governance of Land Use Planning in the Unorganized Territory referred to in this section as "the commission," is established to advise the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on matters relating to land use planning and regulation in the unorganized territory.

**Sec. 2. Membership.** The commission consists of 13 members, as follows:

1. The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation or the commissioner's designee;
2. Two residents of the unorganized territories, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;
3. One representative of a large UT landowner engaged in the forest products industry, appointed by the Governor;
4. One representative of a small UT landowner engaged in the forest products industry, appointed by the Governor;
5. Two county commissioners from counties with significant acreage in the unorganized territories, one appointed by the President of the Senate, and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;
6. One representative of a statewide sportsmen's organization, appointed by the Governor;
7. One representative of a statewide environmental or conservation organization, appointed by the President of the Senate;
8. One representative of a regional environmental or conservation organization, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

9. One representative of the tourism or outdoor recreation industry in the unorganized territory appointed by the Governor;
10. One representative of a regional or local economic development organization serving an area that includes unorganized territory, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
11. One regional planner from a Council of Governments in a county with significant acreage in the unorganized territories, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

**Sec. 3. Chair:** After all members of the commission have been named, the Governor will designate one member to serve as chair, and a second to serve as vice chair.

**Sec. 4. Duties:** The commission shall:

1. Consider reforming the governance of land use planning in the Unorganized Territory (UT), and make recommendations on the role of state agencies and county government, the planning and appeals process, and opportunities for increased self-determination in land use planning in the UT;
2. Ensure that any recommendation which entails the elimination of LURC provides an effective transition process, including a plan for LURC to complete any pending work or transfer it to relevant agencies;
3. Ensure uniform standards across the UT for timber harvesting activities and forest management, wildlife habitat protection, and issues under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Protection Act; and
4. Consider options for reforming the governance of land use planning in the UT.

**Sec. 5. Meetings; interim update:** The commission shall meet as necessary to complete the assigned duties. The commission shall hold no fewer than 2 public listening sessions on dates of determined by the commission. The commission shall meet with the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than October 28, 2011 for an update on the progress of the commission.

**Sec. 6. Staffing:** The Department of Conservation shall provide staff support to the commission within existing resources. The commissioner shall invite resource people to assist as appropriate, including individuals with past experience as LURC commissioners and staff.

**Sec. 7. Compensation:** Members do not receive compensation for their time, travel or other expenses.

**Sec. 8. Report.** The commission shall complete its work no later than December 15, 2011 and submit its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than Jan. 4, 2012.

**Sec. 9. Authority to submit legislation.** The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit legislation reforming the governance of land use planning in the unorganized territory to the second session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature to take effect in FY 2013.

### **SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It replaces the bill. It establishes the Commission on Reform of the Governance of Land Use Planning in the Unorganized Territory. It requires the commission to meet with the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than October 28, 2011 to provide an update on its progress and a final report no later than January 4, 2012. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to submit legislation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature.