

6551-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Loveland, Rasmussen, Snyder, Morton, Oke, Prince, A. Anderson, Hargrove, Hochstatter, Winsley and Sellar)

Brief Description: Managing grazing lands.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the purpose of the act is that all state agricultural grazing and grazable woodlands are managed in keeping with the statutory and constitutional mandates of each state agency. The ecosystem standards adopted in 1993 are not intended to prescribe practices.

Declares that the standards are applied through a collaborative process, which includes the land managers and lessees looking at the land along with state agencies to reach agreement on management and resource objectives. Full discussion of management options must be made, and no land manager gives up his management prerogative.

Urges state agencies to use the coordinated resource management and planning process where there are either multiple ownerships or multiple use resource objectives. In all cases, the use of coordinated resource planning is a voluntary decision by all concerned parties, including the agency's private landowners and other people.