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Madam Speaker:

The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 382**, ESCALANTE REGION GRAZING ZONE, by Representative M. Noel, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Lines 41 through 44:*

- 41 (5) "Escalante Region Grazing Zone" means BLM ~~{,}~~ and Forest
Service ~~{, and SITLA}~~ lands
42 situated in the following townships in Garfield and Kane Counties, as more fully
illustrated in
43 the map jointly prepared by the Garfield County and Kane
~~{Counties}~~ County GIS ~~{Department}~~ Departments in February
2013,
44 entitled "Escalante Region Grazing Zone":

2. *Page 14, Line 423 through Page 15, Line 444:*

- 423 (3) The state finds that:
424 (a) grazing on the lands comprising the Escalante Region Grazing Zone has provided
a
425 significant contribution to the history, customs, culture, and values of the area for more
than
426 100 years;
427 (b) abundant natural and vegetative resources exist within the Escalante Region

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428 Grazing Zone to support and expand continued, responsible grazing activities;
 429 (c) grazing and its associated historic resources, its long and dignified human history,
 430 its shaping of human endeavors in the American West, its variety of cultural resources,
 431 affiliation, type and distribution, its landmarks, structures, and other objects of historic or
 432 scientific interest are worthy of and have been recognized for protection by local, state, and
 433 federal governments;
 434 (d) the highest management priorities for lands within the Escalante Region Grazing
 435 Zone are responsible management, enhancement, and development of existing and future
 436 grazing resources in order to provide protection for the resources, objects, customs,
 437 culture, and
 438 values identified above;
 439 (e) responsible development of abundant deposits of energy and mineral resources,
 440 including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, and copper,
 441 as
 442 well as areas with high wind and solar energy potential, are compatible with grazing
 443 activities
 444 in the Escalante Region Grazing Zone; and
 445 (f) responsible development of abundant recreation resources, including **wildlife,**
 446 roads,
 447 campgrounds, water resources, trails, OHV use, sightseeing, canyoneering, **hunting,**
 448 **fishing,** and hiking are
 449 compatible with grazing activities in the Escalante Region Grazing Zone.

3. Page 15, Lines 445 through 450:

445 (4) The state supports:
 446 (a) efficient and responsible full development {~~of all permitted existing and~~
 447 ~~future~~
 448 ~~grazing resources in the Escalante Region Grazing Zone; and~~ **, within the**
 449 **Escalante Region Grazing Zone, of:**
 450 **(i) all permitted existing and future grazing resources; and**
 451 **(ii) other uses compatible with grazing activities; and**
 452 (b) a cooperative management approach by federal agencies, the state of Utah, and
 453 local governments to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full
 454 development {~~of~~



450 ~~all grazing resources within the Escalante Region Grazing Zone.~~ } , within the
Escalante Region Grazing Zone, of:
(i) all grazing resources; and
(ii) other uses compatible with grazing activities.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Noel
Committee Chair

Voting: 12-0-4

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