HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

_____   March 10, 2014
Chairman of Committee   Date

Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB14-1267   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, after line 1, insert:

2   "**SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1)   The Colorado
3   General Assembly hereby determines and declares that, in regard to the
4   possible re-introduction of the black-footed ferret on land owned by a
5   political subdivision of the state:
6   (a) Land leased for livestock grazing when the black-footed ferret
7   is reintroduced should continue to be managed to maintain and enhance
8   the value of the land for livestock grazing, agricultural use, wildlife
9   habitat, open space, and recreation;
10   (b) The reintroduction of the black-footed ferret is intended to be
11   carried out in a manner that is sensitive to ongoing livestock grazing as
12   described by existing grazing leases;
13   (c)   The prairie dog population should be controlled and
14   maintained within the perimeter of a reintroduction site to prevent the
15   expansion of the prairie dog population onto adjacent land without the
16   consent of the landowner;
17   (d) No reintroduction of the black-footed ferret on land owned by
18   a political subdivision of the state may occur without a safe harbor
19   agreement in place on land potentially affected by the reintroduction;
20   (e) As part of the planning to reintroduce the black-footed ferret
21   on land owned by political subdivisions of the state, the appropriate
22   political subdivision and reintroduction site owners shall hold an adequate
23   number of stakeholder meetings with lessees and adjacent land owners

1   before the reintroduction; and

2   (f) Education and outreach components should be incorporated

3   into any reintroduction project on land owned by a political subdivision

4   of the state.".

5   Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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