

**UPDATED SUMMARY
HOUSE BILL 15-1225**

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This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

The bill requires the governor, in cooperation with the executive director of the department of natural resources, the commissioner of agriculture, and the executive director of the department of local affairs, to make available to interested local governments technical support to aid local governments in:

- ! Entering into cooperating agency relationships with federal agencies;
- ! Sharing information and expertise with federal land managers;
- ! Developing local land use plans;
- ! Hiring consultants to perform analyses of local government interests;
- ! Entering into memoranda of understanding with federal land management agencies; or
- ! Similar methods to improve coordination, cooperation, and collaboration in federal land management decision-making.

The bill allows the governor to establish an advisory committee to provide technical assistance for one or more federal land management decision-making processes if the governor determines that the advisory committee would provide effective and efficient technical support for collaborative engagement.

The bill requires the governor, in cooperation with the executive director of the department of natural resources, the commissioner of agriculture, and the executive director of the department of local affairs, to notify local governments of the availability of technical assistance.

No later than July 1, 2015, the division of local government shall formally announce, on its web site and by letter to the state's local governments, an initiative from the local government mineral impact fund or the local government severance tax fund of one million dollars per year for 3 years for grant funding to local governments for planning, analyses, public engagement, and coordination and collaboration with federal land managers and stakeholders, or for similar or related local government processes needed by local governments for engagement in federal land management decision-making.

The bill specifies that grant moneys may be awarded from the local government mineral impact fund for planning, analyses, public engagement, and coordination and collaboration with federal land managers and stakeholders, or for similar or related local government processes needed by local governments for engagement in federal land management decision-making.

The executive director of the department of local affairs may distribute moneys from the local government severance tax fund for planning, analyses, public engagement, and coordination and collaboration with federal land managers and stakeholders, or for similar

or related local government processes needed by local governments for engagement in federal land management decision-making.

The bill makes an appropriation to the department of local affairs.

Italicized words indicate new material added to the original summary; dashes through words indicate deletions from the original summary.
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