

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation is a memorial calling for an end to listing grizzly bears in the lower 48 states as an endangered species and returning management to the states. The increase in grizzly populations exists alongside a proven track record of state agencies demonstrating the skill and ability to conserve and manage this population. The recent proposal by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ignores the success of the state-level action and attempts to extend the region under management and maintain the federal government's control. Based on all the available data, the memorial calls for delisting grizzlies, returning management to the states, and a review of the Endangered Species Act.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will not impact the state's General fund or any dedicated fund or federal fund. Therefore, this legislation has no fiscal impact.

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