

COMMITTEE REPORT

4/23/76

SENATE

Mr. President:

Date 5/12/76

The Committee on Finance has had HB 863
forest protection
under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

() recommends it DO PASS

() recommends it DO NOT PASS

() recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH SCS FOR HB 863 AND THAT

SCS FOR HB 863 ~~DO PASS~~ *be reported without recommendation*

() "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

() "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

[Signature] _____
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[Signature] _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends: [Signature]
_____ recommends: [Signature]
_____ recommends: DO PASS
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[Signature] Chairman

Original Sponsor: Labor and Management
Committee

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BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF LANDS

TO:

Jack Roderick
Deputy Commissioner

DATE: May 7, 1975

THRU:

George E. Hollett
Acting Deputy Director

FROM:

Ray Settles
Fire Management Officer

SUBJECT:

HB 863

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In 1974 BLM records show almost 30,000 man-hours spent on actual firefighting. In 1975 only 4,743 man-hours were used. These are indicators of the wide variance in seasons. The 4,743 hours in 1975 are most certainly not representative due to weather conditions.

In amending the statute, perhaps it can be left open as far as allowing us to man for disaster fires because sooner or later this is going to happen. For instance, the Swanson River fire of 1959 employed at its peak 4,500 men. This figure varied, but people were on the fire until November. You can readily see one fire can and on occasion will exceed any reasonable ceiling limitation.

I must emphasize we must have some emergency hire bill, so if they cannot use the recommended 30,000 man-hour ceiling we will accept any ceiling because without we have no way of operating an effective fire organization.

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Bill No. H B 863

Title: Forest Protection

Requested by: House Resources

Date: March 18, 1976

Return Date Requested: _____

Agency: Natural Resources Program: Forest Management

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: None

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

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TOTAL						

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

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OTHER						

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No additional cost to the State. Present fire suppression costs are paid to the Bureau of Land Management under a contract. Hiring fire-fighting personnel ourselves under the State's own fire organization will, in fact, save the 25% surcharge paid on bills by the Bureau of Land Management.

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