

Bill No.: HB0036 **Effective:** 7/1/2024
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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0042
Chapter No.: 69
Prime Sponsor: Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee
Catch Title: **Natural Resource Protection Act.**
Has Report: No
Subject: Natural Resource Protection Act.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates the Natural Resource Protection Act, which authorizes the Governor, with advice from the attorney general, to determine that a federal executive order, final rule or regulation does not comply with federal land management laws.
- Upon the determination by the Governor, this act prohibits the state from using any personnel or funds appropriated by the legislature or any other source of funds that originate within the state to enforce or administer that federal executive order, final rule or regulation.
- This act authorizes the Governor to make exceptions to the implementation of this act to preserve any valid primacy agreement with a federal agency if the Governor believes the net effect of this exception is to reduce the adverse impact of federal regulations on the state.
- This act prohibits the Governor from revoking a valid primacy agreement with a federal agency over the regulation and enforcement of a federal law or program until a court of competent jurisdiction determines the federal executive order, final rule or regulation is unlawful.
- This act shall not limit or restrict a public officer from providing assistance to federal authorities for purposes not specifically identified in this act and shall not be construed to prohibit any governmental entity from accepting federal funds for law enforcement purposes.

Comments:

- This act may be cited as the "Natural Resource Protection Act."

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