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SENATE BILL ***217-FN***

AN ACT establishing a hiking corridor on Mittersill Mountain, and relative to prohibiting the state, counties, towns, and cities from implementing programs of, expending money for, receiving funding from, or contracting with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives.

SPONSORS: Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Barnes, Jr., Dist 17; Sen. Boutin, Dist 16; Sen. Bragdon, Dist 11; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. De Blois, Dist 18; Sen. Forsythe, Dist 4; Sen. Groen, Dist 6; Sen. Lambert, Dist 13; Sen. Luther, Dist 12; Sen. Sanborn, Dist 7; Rep. Bettencourt, Rock 4; Rep. Weyler, Rock 8

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioner of the department of resources and economic development to develop a hiking corridor from the base of Mittersill Mountain over the summit of Mittersill Mountain to connect with the Kinsman Ridge trail at the summit of Cannon Mountain. This bill also prohibits the state and political subdivisions from implementing programs, or receiving funding from, or contracting with, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~.
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Department of Resources and Economic Development; Hiking Corridor on Ski Trails. The
2 commissioner of the department of resources and economic development shall, after consulting with
3 fish and game department, develop a hiking corridor from the base of Mittersill Mountain over the
4 summit of Mittersill Mountain to connect with the Kinsman Ridge trail at the summit of Cannon
5 Mountain. The department may restrict access to the hiking trail only during times the ski area is
6 open to the public and only if restricting such access is necessary to promote safety.

7 2 New Section; Towns and Cities; Prohibition Added. Amend RSA 31 by inserting after section
8 8-a the following new section:

9 31:8-b International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives; Contracts; Expenditures
10 Prohibited. No town or city shall implement programs of, expend any sum for, be a member of,
11 receive funding from, contract for services from, or give financial or other forms of aid to the
12 International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), and its derivatives, in
13 furtherance of the United Nations program known as Agenda 21.

14 3 New Section; State Budget; Prohibition Added. Amend RSA 9 by inserting after section 28 the
15 following new section:

16 9:29 International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives; Contracts; Expenditures
17 Prohibited. No agency or department of the state shall implement programs of, expend any sum for,
18 be a member of, receive funding from, contract for services from, or give financial or other forms of
19 aid to the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), and its derivatives, in
20 furtherance of the United Nations program known as Agenda 21.

21 4 New Section; Counties; Prohibition Added. Amend RSA 23 by inserting after section 1-a the
22 following new section:

23 23:1-b International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives; Contracts; Expenditures
24 Prohibited. No county nor any department thereof shall implement programs of, expend any sum
25 for, be a member of, receive funding from, contract for services from, or give financial or other forms
26 of aid to the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), and its derivatives,

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1 in furtherance of the United Nations program known as Agenda 21.

2 5 Effective Date.

3 I. Sections 2-4 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

4 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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SB 217 FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Resources and Economic Development states this bill, **as amended by the Senate (Amendments #2012-1191s and #2012-1367s)**, will increase state expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY 2012 through FY 2014. There is no fiscal impact on county and local expenditures, or state, county and local revenue.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Resources and Economic Development states this bill requires the Department to develop a master plan for Cannon Mountain and Franconia Notch state park; requires a plan for detailing how Cannon Mountain will become self-funded and self-sufficient; makes the Department responsible for the cost of landscaping the specified area for the veteran's memorial; and develop a hiking corridor from the base of Mittersill Mountain over the summit of Mittersill Mountain to connect with the Kinsman Ridge trail at the summit of Cannon Mountain. The Department estimates it will cost \$325,000 to develop a master plan for Cannon Mountain and Franconia Notch state park that meets the requirements of this bill. The Department is not able to estimate the cost for completing a financial analysis and plan for the self-funding and self-sufficiency of Cannon Mountain. The Department plans to request state general funds be made available for the development of these plans, otherwise the cost for these plans would have to be paid from Cannon Mountain operating or retail funds and the State Park Fund. The Department has no information on the design for a veteran's memorial to determine landscaping costs. The Department states the cost of hardscaping and landscaping at the new Hampton Beach State Park renovation was \$111,000. The Department estimates it will cost \$5,000 to develop the hiking corridor from the base of Mittersill Mountain to Kinsman Ridge trail on the summit of Cannon Mountain. The Department will seek funding from the state's capital budget to pay for the landscaping at the veteran's memorial and the development of the hiking corridor.