

1 COMMITTEE: Environment
2 POLICY: State-Federal Partnerships In Land Management Around
3 Federal Facilities
4 TYPE OF POLICY: Existing
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6 The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) calls on Congress and the
7 Administration to enable and encourage federal agencies to enter into formal partnerships
8 with state governments to enable the better management of land in and around military and
9 other federal facilities. Such partnerships will enable states, local communities and the
10 federal facilities, ranges, and training air/sea/land space they serve to work jointly on matters
11 of importance to all stakeholders. The adoption of memorandums of understanding or other
12 agreements between federal agencies and state wildlife, parks, and environment agencies
13 will establish a mechanism for the federal agencies to:

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- 15 • assist state agencies to acquire landowner agreements around military facilities;
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- 17 • assist communities and states to be better prepared for the next BRAC round by
18 ensuring mission capabilities at military facilities; and
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- 20 • identify within the federal agency the person or office to whom state agencies and
21 communities may contact for assistance in coordinating conservation
22 easement/contracts or other appropriate negotiated transaction.
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24 NCSL also urges the establishment of an interagency coordinator or coordination program to
25 facilitate state agencies and communities addressing all relevant agencies in a "one stop"
26 manner.

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28 In partnering with such agencies as the Department of Defense (DOD), the U.S. Department
29 of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. Department of Interior (Interior), and the U.S. Army Corps of
30 Engineers (Corps) states and local communities will be able to:

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- protect water resources benefiting local communities and federal facilities ranges, and
33 training air/sea/land space;
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- improve wildlife habitat around federal facilities, ranges, and training air/sea/land
35 space and throughout the state;
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- expand public understanding of how critical state land conservation actions are to
37 protect the mission and economic welfare of federal entities;
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- expand public support for federal assistance of state efforts to acquire permanent
39 conservation easements, contracts or other appropriate negotiated transactions and
40 long term leases with landowners to protect federal installations from civilian
41 encroachment that will adversely impact mission capabilities and economic benefits to
42 communities, and increase land for contract training;
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- expand state agency, private landowners, and DoD facilities' ability to develop
44 longitudinal training capabilities through partnerships that expand training opportunities
45 in combination with preserving agricultural lands; and that permit federal and national
46 guard training areas to be linked for expanded joint training; and
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- encourage tourism to the conservation lands acquired by state agencies.
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