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NRSC-2B-2024: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Boards and Commissions working group was tasked with a review of statewide boards and commissions related to natural resources. In the 2024 regular session, a statewide review of all natural resources boards and commissions was set for 2026, to be led by DENR. The working group recommended creation of a zero-basis review structure for all boards and commissions related to natural resources, to eliminate CLEER, and to reduce the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration, and Conservation by half of its members. The working group recommended a reduction of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration, and Conservation to optimize its efficiency. Public comments voiced concern for the reduction of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration, and Conservation and support for its current structure. The NRSC requests the Governor to evaluate whether a reduction in membership of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration, and Conservation is advisable. The NRSC otherwise recommends that staff of DENR prepare a zero-basis review plan for natural resources boards and commissions and that CLEER be eliminated based on lack of action over the past few years.