Sunset Advisory Commission Board and Commission Review of __The Interstate Wildlife Board Compact—Board of Compact Administrators_____

The Commission reviews every State board and commission and takes testimony regarding whether each board or commission should continue to operate or be eliminated and whether the powers and duties of any board or commission should be revised. Each board and commission has the burden of justifying its continued operation.

The Commission also reviews whether members of a board or commission should be entitled to a per diem and, if so, the amount of that per diem.

In testifying before the Commission, you should be able to provide the following information:

1. In general, how often does the board and commission meet? Provide specific information on how often the board or commission has met in the past two fiscal years. Provide information on where agendas and minutes of meetings can be found.

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact Board of Compact Administrators is a national board that administers the violator compact. There is one annual meeting, usually held in conjunction with the Association of F&W Agencies' meeting. Vermont will remain a member of this compact unless 10 VSA §4451 is repealed

2. Provide the names of members of the board or commission, their term length and expiration, their appointing authority, and the amount of any per diem they receive.

The Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife is the Vermont representative on the Board for the length of his or her term.

3. Provide an overview of the board or commission's purpose.

The Board oversees the implementation of the wildlife violator compact.

4. Is that purpose still needed? What would happen if the board or commission no longer fulfilled that purpose?

The Board is necessary to ensure clear communication between states on wildlife violators. This review commission does not have authority to disband this board.

5. How well is the board or commission performing in executing that purpose? What evidence can you provide to substantiate that performance?

The Board is effective and necessary, Vermont receives and shares information on violators under the compact.

6. If the purpose is still needed, can State government be more effective and efficient if the purpose was executed in a different manner?

No

7. If the purpose is still needed, do any of your board or commission's functions overlap or duplicate those of another State board or commission or federal or State agency? If so, is your board or commission still the best entity to fulfill the purpose?

No, the current form of the Board is necessary for it to function.

8. Does the board or commission's enabling law continue to correctly reflect the purpose and activities of the board or commission?

Yes, all states that are members of the compact pass similar uniform legislation in order to join. That legislation does not need to be updated.

9. Provide a list of the board and commission's last fiscal year expenditures including staffing costs. How are these funded?

\$500 annual fee, funded via the Law Enforcement Division budget.

10. Is the board or commission required by law to prepare any reports or studies for the Legislature, the Governor, or any State agency or officer? If so, have those reports or studies been produced? Does the board or commission have ongoing reporting obligations?

No

11. How would you measure the performance of the board or commission?

The Board accomplishes its mission well.