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**HOUSE BILL 1460  
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Short Title: Collaborate to Stop Property Loss.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LAND LOSS PREVENTION PROJECT, THE COALITION OF FARM AND RURAL FAMILIES, THE SOUTHERN COALITION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO COLLABORATE TO STUDY AND IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICES TO REDUCE LAND LOSS AMONG HEIR PROPERTY OWNERS AND OTHER JOINT OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY, PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AREAS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** In order to ensure that funding from the State to prevent land loss is being used efficiently and effectively, the Land Loss Prevention Project, the Coalition of Farm and Rural Families, the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, and the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee shall collaborate to study the issue of land loss by heir property landowners and other joint owners of real property and to implement the best practices to prevent land loss. Those organizations shall together examine and implement options and best practices to achieve the following:

- (1) Reverse land loss among property owners, especially among heir property owners.
- (2) Educate joint property owners about options to preserve land ownership, especially rural land ownership, so as to prevent further land loss.
- (3) Increase the cooperation and collaboration among organizations seeking to reduce land loss among landowners.

**SECTION 2.** The organizations named in Section 1 of this act shall provide a preliminary report of their findings to the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and Economic Resources no later than May 1, 2010. The report shall contain the results of the study and shall contain actions already implemented and recommended implementation actions, including programming, funding, and legislation. A final report shall be filed by January 1, 2011. The study and reporting requirement imposed by this act is in addition to any other reporting requirement imposed under any other law.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

