



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-3158/1	Introduction Number	AB-0665	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Access to land acquired with stewardship funding and access to managed forest land					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill prohibits the expenditure of stewardship funding to acquire land that is required to be open to the public unless the land is accessible to the public on foot.

In addition, it establishes an additional requirement for managed forest land (MFL) eligibility. Under the bill, in order for land to be designated as MFL, it must be accessible to the public on foot, unless it has been designated as closed to public access.

### Fiscal Impact

#### 1. Stewardship Program

The proposed changes are in line with the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and have no net fiscal impact to the state or local units of government.

#### 2. MFL Program

DNR will not know specific impacts of this bill since it will depend on choices made and involvement of individual forest landowners who choose to enroll in the program. The expected fiscal impact will be minimal to the state and could be absorbed by current operating budgets. Local units of government would not be impacted by this bill.

The proposed change outlined in this bill may affect new, current, and future renewing MFL participants that do not want or do not have the legal access to allow foot traffic access to their property. Industrial forest landowners participating in the program that have an interest in selling either a conservation easement or fee title to the state may be affected by this change as these large forest owners tend to have a higher proportion of landlocked properties. Currently some parcels are accessed through adjoining industrial forest owners lands.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications