

Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

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LRB Number 13-3158/1	Introduction Number AB-0665	
Description Access to land acquired with stewardship funding and access to managed forest land		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local:		
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Fund Sources Affected		
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Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

CURRENT LAW

Under current law, public access is generally required to certain lands acquired by the state (through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)) under the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program for "nature-based activities" such as hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross-county skiing, and other nature-based outdoor activities. Exceptions to public access are permitted if approved by the natural resources board and the closure is to protect public safety or to protect a unique animal or plant community.

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Under current law, an owner of ten or more contiguous forest acres may apply to the DNR to enter the land under the managed forest law (MFL) program. If the DNR finds that (a) at least 80% of the parcel is producing or capable of producing at least 20 cubic feet of merchantable timber per acre per year, and (b) the land is not developed in a manner incompatible with the practice of forestry, the DNR issues an order entering the land under the program. A parcel of land is not eligible for entry under the MFL program if (1) more than 20% consists of land unsuitable for the production of merchantable timber, (2) it is developed for commercial recreational use or for any other purpose the DNR determines is incompatible with the practice of forestry, and (3) the parcel contains a human residence.

PROPOSED LAW

Under the bill, the state (generally, the DNR) would be prohibited from using funds under the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program for the purchase of land that is not accessible to the public on foot.

Under the bill, a parcel of land could not be enrolled under the MFL land unless it is open to public access and accessible on foot. This exception would not apply to land that is to be closed to public access.

FISCAL EFFECT

The Department of Revenue (DOR) does not administer the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program or the MFL program. The DOR therefore does not have information which would permit it to estimate the number of acres that would potentially be inaccessible by foot and therefore affected by the bill.

The bill imposes no administrative costs on the DOR.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications