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AMENDMENT MEMO

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2021 Senate Bill 615 requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to submit a report to the Joint Committee on Finance and relevant standing committees of the Legislature by January 31, 2022, regarding all of the following types of land:

- Land owned or managed by DNR.
- Land acquired through the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program.
- Land that is open to the public and enrolled in the managed forest land program.

The bill requires DNR to identify both of the following for each property contained in the report:

- The number and type of access points.
- The total miles of roads that are open or closed to motorized vehicular access by the public, including any seasonal restrictions.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 makes two changes to the bill. First, the amendment adds the following two categories of land to the list of lands that DNR must address in the report described above:

- Land acquired with funding made available to DNR.
- Certain wetlands for which current law requires public access, including wetlands that are created, enhanced, or restored through the state's in lieu fee program for wetland mitigation and wetlands restored with certain state funds.

Second, in addition to the report, the amendment requires DNR to publish a single geographic information system (GIS) map identifying each property identified in the report.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Cowles and Senator Marklein offered Senate Amendment 1 during the Senate floor session on January 25, 2022. The Senate adopted the amendment on a voice vote. The Senate then passed the bill, as amended, with a final vote of Ayes, 25; Noes, 7.

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