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Sponsor(s): Senators Carlson, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Eide, Doumit, Esser, Parlette, Schmidt, Swecker, Oke, Jacobsen and Winsley

Brief Description: Promoting environmental education.

SB 6385 - DIGEST

Declares an intent to promote environmental education efficacy through the development of a comprehensive statewide environmental education strategic plan.

Directs the governor's council on environmental education to develop a comprehensive statewide environmental education strategic plan. The term "environment" is to be broadly interpreted to include natural, cultural, historical, and economic environments as well as how environmental factors can harm human health. The term "education" is also to be broadly interpreted to include formal and nonformal community education.

Directs the governor's council on environmental education to partner with private environmental education stakeholders to secure resources for and to develop the comprehensive statewide environmental education strategic plan.

Provides that developing the plan may include: (1) A series of regional planning meetings to ensure the participation of all local community stakeholders; and

(2) A working conference to engage interested stakeholders statewide in developing the plan.

Requires annual status reports to be made to the legislature no later than December 2004 and December 2005. The final comprehensive statewide environmental education strategic plan shall be presented to the legislature by July 1, 2006.