

6505-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Doumit, Morton, Fraser and Parlette)

Brief Description: Assessing fire suppression capabilities in the interface areas between wildlands and urban areas.

**SB 6505-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the state fire protection policy board, through the director of fire protection within the state patrol, shall conduct an assessment of fire suppression capability in the interface areas between wildlands and urban areas throughout the state. The state fire protection policy board should concentrate upon the geographic areas in which wildland fuels and development meet or are intermixed.

Directs the state fire protection policy board to encourage the participation of fire suppression jurisdictions, fire fighters, the insurance industry, the department of natural resources, the emergency management division of the military department, and local governments in conducting the assessment.

Requires the state fire protection policy board to provide the report to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives no later than December 1, 2004.