

SB 6574 - DIGEST

Declares an intent to protect the use and value of private property while providing for a healthy environment and ensuring that government agencies do not damage the use or value of private property, except if necessary to protect the public health and safety. The legislature also intends to recognize and promote the unique interests, knowledge, and abilities private property owners have to protect the environment and land. To this end, government agencies must be required to identify and encourage participation in voluntary cooperative environmental enhancement programs with willing property owners.

Provides that eminent domain may not be used by state or local agencies to provide property for private use, but eminent domain is limited to the purpose of obtaining property for physical use by the public, such as for the physical siting of public facilities.

Requires that, prior to transferring any property acquired by government agencies through eminent domain to private persons or entities, the government agency shall offer to sell the property to the person, persons, or entities from whom the property was acquired at the amount he or she received from the agency.