

SB 5236-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Creates the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group.

Provides that the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group must: (1) Review agency land acquisition and disposal plans and policies to help ensure statewide coordination of habitat and recreation land acquisitions and disposals;

(2) Produce an interagency, statewide biennial forecast of habitat and recreation land acquisitions and disposal plans;

(3) Establish procedures for publishing the biennial forecast of acquisition and disposal plans on web sites or other centralized, easily accessible formats;

(4) Develop and convene an annual forum for agencies to coordinate their near-term acquisition and disposal plans;

(5) Develop a recommended method for interagency geographic information system-based documentation of habitat and recreation lands in cooperation with other state agencies using geographic information systems;

(6) Develop recommendations for standardization of acquisition and disposal recordkeeping, including identifying a preferred process for centralizing acquisition data;

(7) Develop an approach for monitoring the success of acquisitions;

(8) Identify and commence a dialogue with key state and federal partners to develop an inventory of potential public lands for transfer into habitat and recreation land management status; and

(9) Review existing and proposed habitat conservation plans on a regular basis to foster statewide coordination and save costs.

Expires July 31, 2012. Prior to January 1, 2012, the committee shall make a formal recommendation to the appropriate committees of the legislature as to whether the existence of the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group should be continued beyond July 31, 2012, and if so, whether any modifications to its enabling statute should be pursued. The committee shall involve all participants in the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group when developing the recommendations.