

**HB 2245 - DIGEST**

Finds that: (1) Each year, a significant amount of the state's agricultural land is irrevocably converted from actual or potential agricultural use to nonagricultural use; and

(2) The program and project actions of certain parties, in many cases, inadvertently result in the conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses where alternative actions would be preferred.

Declares that it is the policy of the state to identify and take into account the adverse effects of these actions.

Requires the department of ecology to add certain questions to the state environmental policy act environmental checklist form to assist the state in implementing the policy.