

HB 2596-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the local wildland fire severity account.

Authorizes a local suppression entity that has satisfied certain prerequisites to, upon confirmation of the start of a wildland fire within its jurisdiction or area of response, submit a request to the department of natural resources or the state fire marshal for an expenditure from the local wildland fire severity account to fund an immediate local suppression effort or provide access to prepositioned fire suppression resources.

Requires the department of natural resources to accept the confirmation provided by the local suppression entity and implement the request without first independently confirming the reported start of the wildland fire.