

SB 6511 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) In order to ensure the most efficient and effective mobilization of the state's fire prevention resources, identify: (a) Communities most vulnerable during wildfire season; (b) lands protected by the department that are geographically positioned to potentially threaten the vulnerable communities in case of wildfire; and (c) lands located outside of the department's fire protection responsibilities that are geographically positioned to potentially threaten the vulnerable communities in case of wildfire;

(2) Develop a twenty-year strategic plan to treat the 2.7 million acres of forestland identified by the department as being in poor forest health condition;

(3) Create a prescribed burn manager certification program for those who practice prescribed burning in the state; and

(4) Encourage mechanical thinning and prescribed burning when appropriate for forest health improvement and fire prevention.