

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS31729 / H0748

This is a fiscal year 2025 trailer appropriation bill for the Department of Lands. It addresses the fiscal impact of House Bill 614, which amended existing law to authorize the Department of Lands to implement the existing Good Neighbor Authority program and creates continuously appropriated fund(s) in the state treasury for Good Neighbor forest management. This bill also includes an enhancement for the timber protective associations inadvertently excluded from the agency's enhancement appropriation.

### FISCAL NOTE

This bill provides for a transfer of funding received by the Department of Lands for the Good Neighbor Authority program to the Good Neighbor Authority Fund, a continuously appropriated fund. This bill also provides an additional appropriation of \$175,000 from the General Fund for the Department of Lands, including \$25,000 that is ongoing and \$150,000 that is onetime.

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