

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means and be placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boquist, Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Smith P., Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Maurer
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/8, 3/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds research to the purposes of the state forest tree seed bank. Provides specific authority for the State Forester and the State Board of Forestry to operate the state forest tree seed orchard. Establishes purposes of the orchard. Establishes subaccounts for the State Forest Nursery, the State Forest Tree Seed Bank, and the State Forest Tree Seed Orchard.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History and uses of the State Tree Seed Bank
- Use of surcharge in the original bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

- Adds research to the list of tree seed bank purposes
- Removes authorization for a surcharge on the sale price of tree seed to fund research and development

BACKGROUND: A State Forest Seed Orchard was established in 1971 as a cooperative, cost-sharing project between the state and private forest landowners. The Orchard produces high-quality forest tree seed that is grown in forest nurseries to produce seedlings for reforestation. The seedlings are used on state-owned forests, private industrial forests, and family forests. The State Forest Seed Bank makes available a variety of tree seed, including seed produced by the seed orchard, to family forest landowners, their organizations, and nurseries growing seedlings for them. HB 2069-A authorizes the State Forester to make the multi-year investments necessary to produce the desired seed.