

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Smith P., Roblan
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Boquist, Maurer
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/13, 2/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Eliminates requirement that proposed forest legacy land area be wholly within an urban growth boundary. Requires the Department of Forestry to ensure that implementation of the federal forest legacy program complies with all land use laws and regulations.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of the Forest Legacy Program
- Conversion of forest lands to non-forest use

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is a federal program established in 1990 that works in partnership with the states. The FLP recognizes that the majority of the nation's productive forestlands is in private ownership and is designed to support state and local efforts to protect threatened forestlands from conversion to non-forest use. In addition, the FLP promotes good stewardship and long-term sustainable management of privately held forested areas. Forest Legacy is a voluntary program. HB 2468 removes the requirement that a proposed forest legacy land area be within an urban growth boundary.