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TO: Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
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SUBJECT: 2020 SENR Committee LC Summaries
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LC 21 – Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish program for authorizing voluntary projects for stream restoration and habitat improvement through construction of environmental restoration weirs. Exempts authorized projects from removal-fill permit requirements and from fish passage requirements in certain circumstances. Defines “environmental restoration weir” to mean structures constructed to delay or slow, but not prevent, streamflow to promote restoration of stream and habitat conditions such that the structure does not use water in a manner that requires a permit from the Water Resources Department.

LC 64: Expresses state policy to identify lands acquired by State Board of Forestry (Board) that have limited revenue-generation potential or that provide high-value recreational or conservation benefits. Authorizes Board to transfer identified lands to other governmental entities or to change management framework applied to lands.

LC 65: Requires Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) or Department of Agriculture (ODA) approval as a prerequisite to construction, installation, operation or maintenance of large confined animal feeding operation or large concentrated animal feeding operation (feeding operation). Requires ODA confirmation of water supply legal authorization and reliability prior to issuance of final approval of feeding operation by ODA or DEQ. Limits fees for approvals. Requires that permit for feeding operation located in ground water management area and applying animal waste to land be issued as individual permit. Authorizes DEQ and ODA to clean, repurpose or decommission vacated, abandoned or unpermitted feeding operation. Specifies that permit requirement for activities increasing effluent in manner not already lawfully authorized applies to feeding operations.