

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 53: Department of Land Conservation and Development Agency Level Change

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Anderson

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend appropriating \$607,000 General Fund, authorizing the establishment of one permanent full-time position, and supporting the reclassification of nine positions, for the Department of Land Conservation and Development, in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session.

This request is related to a change in agency level. All Executive Branch agencies are classified into different levels based on attributes such as total budget, number of positions, and responsibility. These levels also relate to agency management structures and pay scales.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development, or DLCD, was initially classified at Level 6. DLCD was the largest Level 6 agency by number of staff, and had one of the most complicated scopes of work. Due to these factors, in May 2023, the Department of Administrative Services approved DLCD to move upward to Level 5. With the change in agency level, DLCD is eligible to hire a second deputy director position, as well as to reclassify other management positions in order to support the agency's expanding responsibilities.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.