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To: House Interim Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water

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Subject: Summary of 2026 Committee Legislative Concepts for Consideration to be Introduced as Committee Bills on 1/13/2026

- LC 242 *Exempts certain forest properties from being subject to back taxes if they lose special assessment status due to reduced stocking densities caused by insects or disease. (Dated 1/5/2026).*
- LC 243 *Designates a Water Professionals Appreciation Week, observed annually from the first Saturday of October through the following Sunday. (Dated 1/5/2026).*
- LC 244 *Authorizes certain water right permit holders whose permitted point of diversion lies on the Columbia River between river miles 252 and 303 to change the point of diversion or use the right on land to which the right is not appurtenant if new point of diversion is between those same river miles and there is no increase in the rate or season of use. (Dated 1/9/2026).*