

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
**SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

November 18, 2025  
11:30 AM

Hearing Room G

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Lew Frederick, Co-Chair  
Sen. Dick Anderson  
Sen. Chris Gorsek

Rep. Emerson Levy, Co-Chair  
Rep. Vikki Breese-Iverson  
Rep. Annessa Hartman  
Rep. John Lively  
Rep. Mark Owens

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Katie Bannikov, Legislative Fiscal Office  
April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office  
Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office  
Sam Koopman, Committee Assistant

**EXHIBITS:**

Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

00:00:07     [Meeting Called to Order](#)  
00:00:08     Senator Neron, Presiding Co-Chair  
00:00:55     Sen. Nash  
00:01:17     April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office  
  
00:01:56     [8. Department of Forestry - Insurance Settlement Proceeds](#)  
00:02:08     April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office  
00:02:50     Kate Skinner, Interim State Forester, Department of Forestry  
00:03:11     Laura Al Omrani, Facilities Coordinator, Department of Forestry  
00:06:12     Sen. Frederick  
00:06:19     Laura Al Omrani  
00:07:03     Sione Filimoehala, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services  
00:07:29     April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office  
00:08:32     MOTION: Co-Chair Levy moves the Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation to the Full Committee  
00:08:46     VOTE: 8-0-0  
              Ayes: Sens. Frederick, Nash, Neron Misslin; Reps. Breese-Iverson, Hartman, Levy, Lively, Owens

MOTION CARRIES

Carrier: Rep. Owens

00:09:16     **Reduction Options - Department of Forestry**  
00:09:47     Rep. Owens  
00:10:09     April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office  
00:10:23     Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
00:10:31     April McDonald  
00:15:29     Kate Skinner, Interim State Forester, Department of Forestry  
00:21:12     Rep. Owens  
00:22:08     Kate Skinner  
00:23:01     Rep. Owens  
00:23:45     James Short, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Forestry  
00:24:28     Rep. Owens  
00:25:32     Kate Skinner  
00:26:17     Co-Chair Levy  
00:27:26     Kate Skinner  
00:27:54     Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
00:28:13     Rep. Hartman  
00:29:12     Kate Skinner  
00:30:19     Rep. Lively  
00:30:48     Kate Skinner

00:31:39     **Reduction Options - Water Resources Department**  
00:31:51     April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office  
00:32:25     Ivan Gall, Director, Water Resources Department  
00:32:33     Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator, Water Resources Department  
00:32:46     Ivan Gall  
00:43:31     Rep. Owens  
00:44:09     Ivan Gall  
00:44:20     Rep. Owens  
00:44:23     Ivan Gall  
00:45:17     Rep. Owens  
00:46:41     Ivan Gall  
00:47:13     Rep. Owens  
00:47:33     Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
00:48:02     Ivan Gall  
00:48:17     Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
00:48:29     Rep. Owens  
00:48:44     Ivan Gall  
00:49:13     Rep. Owens  
00:49:16     Ivan Gall  
00:49:17     Rep. Owens  
00:49:38     Ivan Gall

00:50:38 Rep. Owens  
00:51:24 Co-Chair Levy  
00:52:22 Rep. Hartman  
00:53:42 Rep. Breese-Iverson  
00:54:41 Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
00:54:59 Rep. Lively  
00:55:27 Ivan Gall  
00:56:20 Co-Chair Neron Misslin

00:56:47 **Reduction Options - Department of Energy**  
00:57:07 Katie Bannikov, Legislative Fiscal Office  
00:57:28 Janine Benner, Director, Department of Energy  
01:03:26 Rep. Hartman  
01:03:47 Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
01:03:54 Rep. Owens

01:04:24 **Reduction Options - Department of Environmental Quality**  
01:04:34 April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office  
01:05:12 Leah Feldon, Director, Department of Environmental Quality  
01:09:29 Matthew Davis, Policy and External Affairs Manager, Department of Environmental Quality

01:16:19 Leah Feldon  
01:17:32 Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
01:18:18 Rep. Hartman  
01:19:00 Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
01:19:57 Sen. Frederick  
01:20:41 Leah Feldon  
01:21:46 Matthew Davis  
01:22:36 Sen. Frederick  
01:23:38 Leah Feldon  
01:24:19 Sen. Frederick  
01:25:13 Co-Chair Levy  
01:26:10 Matthew Davis  
01:28:08 Leah Feldon  
01:28:39 Rep. Owens  
01:29:29 Matthew Davis  
01:29:34 Rep. Owens  
01:29:52 Matthew Davis  
01:30:00 Rep. Breese-Iverson  
01:30:02 Matthew Davis  
01:30:04 Rep. Owens  
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01:30:39 Rep. Owens  
01:30:48 April McDonald

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01:31:54 April McDonald  
01:32:10 Rep. Owens  
01:32:45 Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
01:32:56 Rep. Lively  
01:33:14 Leah Feldon  
01:33:51 Rep. Lively  
01:34:36 Matthew Davis  
01:35:31 Rep. Hartman  
01:36:44 Rep. Breese-Iverson  
01:37:09 Rep. Owens  
01:37:25 April McDonald  
01:39:16 Rep. Breese-Iverson  
01:39:43 April McDonald  
01:40:26 Rep. Breese-Iverson  
01:41:15 Leah Feldon  
01:42:00 Rep. Owens  
01:42:17 April McDonald  
01:42:32 Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
  
01:43:07 Reduction Options - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
01:43:30 Katie Bannikov, Legislative Fiscal Office  
01:43:47 Debbie Colbert, Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife  
01:43:55 Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Fish and Wildlife  
01:44:04 Debbie Colbert  
01:51:02 Rep. Owens  
01:51:44 Debbie Colbert  
01:53:21 Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
01:53:39 Sen. Nash  
01:54:34 Debbie Colbert  
01:55:20 Sen. Frederick  
01:56:27 Debbie Colbert  
01:57:06 Sen. Frederick  
  
01:57:45 Reduction Options - Department of Agriculture  
01:58:01 Katie Bannikov, Legislative Fiscal Office  
01:58:16 Jonathan Sandau, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture  
01:58:27 Adam Crawford, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Agriculture  
01:58:31 Jonathan Sandau  
02:06:43 Rep. Owens  
02:06:56 Jonathan Sandau  
02:07:35 Rep. Owens  
02:08:19 Jonathan Sandau  
02:09:21 Rep. Owens

02:09:44 Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
02:10:01 Jonathan Sandau  
02:10:20 Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
02:10:30 Jonathan Sandau  
02:11:05 Co-Chair Neron Misslin  
02:11:37 Sen. Nash  
02:11:48 Jonathan Sandau  
02:12:38 Sen. Nash

02:13:17 **Reduction Options - Department of Land Conservation and Development**  
02:13:33 Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office  
02:13:48 Brenda Ortigoza Bateman, Director, Department of Land Conservation and Development  
02:20:57 Co-Chair Neron Misslin

02:21:43 **Meeting Adjourned**