



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6644

LCO No. 3134



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
REP. HAMPTON, 16th Dist.

**AN ACT REQUIRING AN EVALUATION OF PUBLIC LANDS IN THE
CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, BIODIVERSITY AND PUBLIC
HEALTH.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to quantify the contribution of
- 2 state-owned working and natural lands to mitigate negative air
- 3 emissions and determine the future stewardship of public lands in the
- 4 context of projected landscape-scale changes in the state in the next
- 5 fifty years, particularly regarding the capacity for natural lands to
- 6 sequester carbon, mitigate flooding and protect native biodiversity and
- 7 wildlife corridors and to evaluate the contribution of public lands to
- 8 physical and mental health across the state, including aspects such as
- 9 clean air and water, disease prevention, recreation and solace. Finally,
- 10 to identify and protect any old growth forest habitat.

Statement of Purpose:

To evaluate to role of public lands to mitigate negative emissions in
order to achieve the state's climate goals.