

HB 2642 - DIGEST

Declares that, to maximize the potential benefit to the educational system, the forests of the state must be actively managed and maintained, using modern silvicultural techniques and sound forest stewardship. When land managers fail at this mission, or have their efforts hamstrung by third party litigation roadblocks, the group that bears the cost is the state's children.

Finds that the state should make deeper investments in the health of its forests, provide local mechanisms to aid the state in its management duties, and require third parties that influence forest health management to reimburse the state's children for the costs inflicted upon the children.