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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Several statutes still contain references to the obsolete "Department of Conservation" (now the Department of Natural Resources). Legislation has been proposed to update the references.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILLS:

The bills would replace references to the Department of Conservation with references to the Department of Natural Resources. House Bill 4423 would amend the act to provide for payment in lieu of taxes by the state to local governments on land controlled by the Department of Natural Resources (MCL 211.492); House Bill 4425 would amend the act to provide for the control and eradication of white pine blister rust (MCL 286.108).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no fiscal information.

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bills would merely update two laws by replacing obsolete references to an agency that no longer exists, the Department of Conservation, with its successor agency, the Department of Natural Resources.

POSITIONS:

There are no positions on the bills.

House Bills 4423 and 4425 as introduced

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