

Legislative Analysis



REPEAL FOREST AND MINERAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

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House Bill 6153 as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Daire Rendon

Committee: Natural Resources

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(Enacted as Public Act 570 of 2018)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 6153 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to repeal four sections that created and govern the Forest and Mineral Resource Development Fund and the Forest and Mineral Resource Grant and Loan Program. The sections to be repealed are described as follows:

- Section 701: Defines “fund.”
- Section 703: Creates the Forest and Mineral Resource Development Fund and provides that money in the fund must be spent by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for grants and loans.
- Section 704: Requires the DNR to establish and administer a grant and loan program for projects to encourage the state’s forestry or mineral industry.
- Section 705: Requires the DNR to review and prioritize grant or loan applications.

The bill would also amend Section 702 to remove references to the grant and loan program.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

MCL 324.702; MCL 324.701 et al. (repealed)

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 6153 would not affect costs or revenues for the DNR. The Forest and Mineral Resources Development Fund has never received revenue, so the corresponding Forest and Mineral Resource Grant and Loan Program has never been funded. The DNR administers 21 grant programs totaling \$38.0 million in FY 2018-19; these grants are available to public, private, and nonprofit organizations. The bill would not affect costs or revenues for local units of government.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Natural Resources indicated support for the bill. (11-28-18)

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