

Legislative Analysis



APPROVING THE 2021-2027 PUBLIC LAND STRATEGY

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House Bill 5388 as introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Gary Howell

Committee: Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5388 would amend Part 5 (Department of Natural Resources) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to approve the strategic plan entitled “The Power of Public Lands: Your resources. Our commitment. Michigan’s legacy. Michigan Department of Natural Resources Public Land Strategy 2021-2027.”

The bill also would update language throughout these provisions to refer to the plan using only the term “strategic plan,” instead of both “strategic plan” and “plan.”

MCL 324.503

BACKGROUND:

NREPA currently requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to submit specific information relating to the strategic plan and Michigan’s natural resources to the legislature and to post and annually update the DNR’s website. Additionally, beginning July 1, 2021, the DNR must propose an update to the strategic plan every six years for approval by the legislature. The last strategic plan was approved in 2018.¹ The currently proposed strategic plan can be found on the DNR’s website.²

FISCAL IMPACT:

The statutory changes proposed under House Bill 5388 are unlikely to directly or immediately change current costs or revenues for the DNR or local governments. It remains to be seen what fiscal impact, if any, the updated managed public land strategy has on the aforementioned costs or revenues in the future. Potential fiscal impacts and their respective extent(s) are likely to vary with plan implementation and any land management obstacles or issues that may arise in the future.

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¹ 2018 PA 238: <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2017-SB-0302>

² Public Land Strategy 2021-2027: https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79136_79262_80433---,00.html