

Subject Forest Carbon Sequestration

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Overview

This bill would establish a state goal to plant 1,000,000 additional trees per year for the next four years and provide funding as well as a statutory change to help the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) meet the goal.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Private lands.
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Reduces the minimum number on seedlings/cuttings that must be in a lot sold by the DNR for private sale from 500 to 250.

2	Appropriations; forest carbon sequestration goal.
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Subd. 1. Goal. Establishes a state goal to plant 1,000,000 trees each year for the next four fiscal years (2020-2023) to provide additional carbon sequestration and improve forest health.

Subd. 2. State nursery and state forests. Appropriates money to the DNR to improve processes and facilities at the state's nursery, including improving seed extraction processes, developing native seeds, constructing additional cold storage facilities, and producing container-grown trees. Also provides unspecified amounts for enhancing and rehabilitating nonproductive state forest sites.

Subd. 3. Private forests. Appropriates money to the DNR to increase outreach and provide additional incentives to private landowners for reforestation and tree planting.

Subd. 4. Emerald ash borer response. Appropriates unspecified amounts to the DNR to identify and convert ash stands intended to respond to the threats posed by emerald ash borer.

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Subd. 5. Report. Requires the DNR to submit a report to the legislature with recommendations and the progress made by November 15, 2022.



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