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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The bill contains several changes to existing timber land statutes, including:

- ▶ Eliminating archaic language between types of timber sales (Sections 1 to 3);
- ▶ Incorporating responsible bidder language that is used in other state permits and contracts (Section 4);
- ▶ Modifying current bonding language to facilitate permit-holder operations by allowing a performance deposit to secure road construction activities when early sale preparatory work needs to be done (Section 8);
- ▶ Authorizing the shift of timber permit-holders cash bonds from one sale to another when cutting has not and can't take place on one of the sales (Section 9); and
- ▶ Providing uniform treatment of violations to allow greater DNR flexibility in imposing penalties for timber trespass (Sections 6, 11-12).