

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
1	<p><b>Private lands.</b></p> <p>Reduces the minimum number on seedlings/cuttings that must be in a lot sold by the DNR for private sale from 500 to 250.</p>
2	<p><b>Appropriations; forest carbon sequestration goal.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Goal.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. State nursery and state forests.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Private forests.</b> Appropriates money to the DNR to increase outreach and provide additional incentives to private landowners for reforestation and tree planting.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Emerald ash borer response.</b> Appropriates unspecified amounts to the DNR to identify and convert ash stands intended to respond to the threats posed by emerald ash borer.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Report.</b> Requires the DNR to submit a report to the legislature with recommendations and the progress made by November 15, 2020.</p>



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