

Subject Planting Corn on State Lands

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Summary

This bill would prohibit a person from planting corn on lands administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for commercial purposes beginning January 1, 2026. The bill provides an exemption from the prohibition for those who have entered into an agreement with the DNR prior to January 1, 2025. Beginning January 1, 2025, the DNR would be prohibited from entering into agreements allowing commercial corn production.

Requires the DNR to transition existing corn plots to native vegetation and provides a transfer of up to \$3,305,000 annually from the critical habitat private sector matching account for the DNR to use to convert the corn plots to native vegetation. Allows the DNR to quantify carbon sequestration achieved under the bill.