

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: FAV 04/02/2013

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation

## Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

(Simpson) recommended the following:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. The state may purchase land outside an area of critical concern for conservation purposes only if:

- (1) An accurate inventory, not more than 1 year old, of state-owned property is made public;
- (2) Sufficient funds are approved in the state's annual budget for the restoration and maintenance of existing properties;
  - (3) A description of the current use of existing properties

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and an analysis of proposed future uses of existing properties is made public; and

- (4) An analysis by the state describing the annual cost of restoration and maintenance of the proposed land purchase is completed and made public, and funds sufficient to restore and maintain the proposed land purchase in perpetuity are approved and set aside. A purchase of land by the state is exempt from this subsection if it is approved by referendum or if it is for active public use.
- Section 2. A county may purchase land outside an area of critical concern for conservation purposes only if:
- (1) An accurate inventory, not more than 1 year old, of county-owned property is made public;
- (2) Sufficient funds are approved in the county's annual budget for the restoration and maintenance of existing properties;
- (3) A description of the current use of existing properties and an analysis of proposed future uses of existing properties is made public; and
- (4) An analysis by the county describing the annual cost of restoration and maintenance of the proposed land purchase is completed and made public, and funds sufficient to restore and maintain the proposed land purchase in perpetuity are approved and set aside. A purchase of land by a county is exempt from this subsection if it is approved by referendum or if it is for active public use.
- Section 3. A municipality may purchase land outside an area of critical concern for conservation purposes only if:
  - (1) An accurate inventory, not more than 1 year old, of



municipally-owned property is made public;

- (2) Sufficient funds are approved in the municipality's annual budget for the restoration and maintenance of existing properties;
- (3) A description of the current use of existing properties and an analysis of proposed future uses of existing properties is made public; and
- (4) An analysis by the municipality describing the annual cost of restoration and maintenance of the proposed land purchase is completed and made public, and funds sufficient to restore and maintain the proposed land purchase in perpetuity are approved and set aside. A purchase of land by a municipality is exempt from this subsection if it is approved by referendum or if it is for active public use.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the purchase of land by a governmental entity; limiting the state, a county, or a municipality's ability to purchase land outside an area of critical concern for conservation purposes; providing criteria; providing an effective date.