



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6261

LCO No. 3002



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
REP. OSBORNE, 16th Dist.
(By Request)

AN ACT CONCERNING OLD-GROWTH FORESTS IN THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Add mature and old-
2 growth forests as priority areas for acquisition by the natural area
3 preserves system and to expressly bring the definition, identification
4 and management of mature and old-growth forests under the purview
5 of the Natural Heritage, Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition
6 Review Board, (2) require that by February 15, 2026, such board shall
7 submit a report to the General Assembly detailing the board's plan to
8 define, identify and complete an inventory of old-growth and mature
9 forests and to analyze any threats to mature and old-growth forests in
10 the state, and (3) require that on or before February 15, 2027, and
11 annually thereafter the board shall submit a report to the General
12 Assembly detailing the board's efforts and progress on such plan and
13 including recommendations for the development of policies for
14 conservation strategies for the management and the maximization of
15 protection of mature and old-growth forests and associated rare natural

16 resources.

Statement of Purpose:

To define "mature and old-growth forests" in the state so such forests can be inventoried for the purposes of being able to plan prospectively to protect this environmentally crucial component of the ecosystem.