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HOUSE BILL NO. 2326

Offered January 12, 2023

A BILL to direct the Department of Forestry to study landowner participation in ecosystem services markets; report.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Department of Forestry shall for the purpose of informing the participation of forest landowners in ecosystem services markets and ensuring fiber supply for existing forest products markets conduct a study to (i) assess the opportunities for forest landowners to participate in voluntary and regulated ecosystem services markets, (ii) assess the existing scope of participation in ecosystem services markets by public and private forest landowners in the Commonwealth, and (iii) make recommendations for potential programs or resources to inform forest landowner participation in ecosystem services markets. The Department of Forestry shall submit a report of such study to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources no later than October 1, 2023.

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