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House Bill 5165

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Committee: Conservation, Environment
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5165 INTRODUCED 10-26-93

Under the Biological Diversity Conservation Act, Public Act 93 of 1992, the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House of Representatives were required to create a joint legislative working committee on biological diversity not more than 30 days after the act's effective date. House Bill 5165 would amend the act to revise the timelines and to reflect the House co-leadership arrangement.

Biological Diversity Working Committee. Under the bill, the committee would consist of four members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Majority Leader; two members of the House, appointed by the Republican Leader of the House; and two members of the House, appointed by the Democratic Leader of the House. Members of the committee be appointed by the respective legislative leader within 30 days of the effective date of the bill. House Bill 5165 would also require that at least one of the committee members appointed from the Senate be a member of the minority party. Under the 1992 act, the committee was to be dissolved two years after the effective date of the act, or on June 15, 1994. The bill would require, instead, that the committee be dissolved on December 30, 1995.

Departmental Impact Report. The act requires that state departments and agencies submit reports to the committee on their activities that alter biological diversity, to enable the committee to prepare the state strategy and to fulfill its functions. Under the act, these reports must be submitted by June 15, 1993. The bill would require, instead, that the reports be submitted by December 30, 1994.

Joint Committee Reports to the Legislature. Under the act, the committee must submit a progress report to the legislature within one year of the act's effect date; and circulate a draft of the final report and conduct a public hearing regarding the content of the draft report within 18 months after the act's effective date. Under the bill, the progress report would have to be submitted by December 30, 1994, and the draft and public hearing would have to be accomplished by June 30, 1995.

The committee is required, under the act, to approve and submit to the legislature a final report containing information on recommended state strategy within two years of the act's effective date. Under the bill, this date would be extended to December, 1995.

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