

Legislative Analysis



PREFERENCE FOR WOOD OR PAPER PRODUCTS FROM SUSTAINABLY MANAGED FORESTS

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House Bill 5665

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Committee: Agriculture and Resource Management

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A REVISED SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5665 AS INTRODUCED 3-18-04

The Management and Budget Act requires the Department of Management and Budget (DMB), when purchasing goods, to give preference to products manufactured or services offered by Michigan-based firms. In addition, the act requires that 20 percent of all supplies, materials, and equipment be made from recycled materials, and 50 percent of all paper products purchased by the DMB be made from recycled paper.

House Bill 5665 would amend the Management and Budget Act to require the DMB, in addition to other purchasing requirements in current law, when purchasing wood or paper products, to give preference to wood or paper products deriving from “sustainably managed forests or procurement systems”.

That term would refer to forests or procurement systems certified by an independent third party under one of the following certification programs:

- The Sustainable Forestry Initiative/ American Forest and Paper Association;
- The American Tree Farm Systems/ American Forest Foundation;
- The Canadian Standards Association’s Sustainable Forest Management System Standards;
- The Forest Stewardship Council;
- The Pan-European Forest Certification;
- The Finnish Forest Certification System;
- The United Kingdom Woodlands Assurance Scheme; and
- The International Standards Organization (ISO) standard 14001.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would not have a fiscal impact on the state or on local governmental units.

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