Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study and Report on Soil Carbon Sequestration Incentive Programs

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Representative Osher of Orono.
Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to study and report on soil carbon sequestration incentive programs. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall study and report on soil carbon sequestration incentive programs that can be applied to land in this State, including but not limited to forest land, agricultural land, conservation land and wetlands, and determine possible funding sources that may be used to fund the programs. The department shall submit its report, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than December 6, 2023. The committee may report out legislation regarding the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

SUMMARY

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