Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2061 **Patron:** Garrett
Bill Title: Department of Forestry; Cumberland State Forest

Bill Summary: Authorizes the Department of Forestry to enter into a boundary line agreement and quitclaim of interest in and to private property located adjacent to Cumberland State Forest. The bill also authorizes the acceptance of a conveyance of a perpetual access easement by the Department from Stella Watson Chambliss and Rick Matthew Chambliss, Weyerhaeuser Company, and Wayne Rosson. The easement, which will follow an existing road across a portion of Cumberland State Forest, will allow ingress and egress access from State Route 612 and a portion of Cumberland State Forest where no express right-of-way exists.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No. **Items Impacted:** None.

Explanation: This bill impacts the Department of Forestry, Department of General Services, and Office of Attorney General; however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

Fiscal Summary: There is no general fund impact associated with this bill. This bill may result in an indeterminate nongeneral fund revenue and expenditure impact. It is anticipated that any expenditure impact can be absorbed within existing nongeneral fund appropriations.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill allows the Department of Forestry (DOF) to enter into legal agreements with the owners of land adjacent to the Cumberland Stare Forest to resolve a boundary dispute and establish access easements. The bill further allows the Department to collect from the landowners, as part of the agreement, any costs and fees charged to DOF by the Department of General Services and Office of Attorney General for services associated with the boundary line transactions. DOF will be responsible for any costs associated with the access easement transactions. The amount of these fees is indeterminate and will vary based on the amount of work needed. It is anticipated that any impact can be absorbed within existing resources. This impact statement is preliminary and may be updated if additional information becomes available.

Other: None.