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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 5066 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Allen Lowe
House Committee: Conservation, Environment and Recreation
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to refund in full the land exchange application fee if it charged an application fee for a proposed exchange of lands and the State land proposed for exchange were sold to another party within three years after the application was submitted.

Under the Act, the DNR is permitted to exchange State-owned or State-acquired lands for lands of equal area or approximately equal value that belong to the United States or are owned by private individuals if the DNR determines that it is in the State's best interest to do so.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Natural Resources since the refund of application fees is current practice. According to the Department, there would be some increased record keeping costs associated with the bill.

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