

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.35506 Development of state strategy; factors; progress report to legislature; circulation of draft report; public hearing; report to legislature.**

Sec. 35506.

(1) Based on information received from the reporting departments and other sources identified in section 35504(1), the committee shall develop a state strategy that includes, but is not limited to, consideration of all of the following:

- (a) Reduction of cumulative adverse impacts of all state departments and agencies on biological diversity.
  - (b) Responsibility of each reporting department to conserve biological diversity and determine the costs of such actions.
  - (c) Methods of cooperation among reporting departments, other states, and provinces concerning ecosystems management.
  - (d) Establishment of cooperative programs among governmental agencies, public and private ventures, universities and colleges, and the private sector.
  - (e) Identification of habitats and species of special concern and methods to protect them.
  - (f) Prevention of extinction of species.
  - (g) Provisions for the long-term viability of ecosystems and ecosystem processes.
  - (h) Development of areas demonstrating management techniques that conserve or restore native biological diversity.
  - (i) Development of broad-based educational efforts regarding the importance of biological diversity and the need for conservation.
  - (j) Development of criteria for evaluating the progress of this state in implementing the strategy.
  - (k) The effects on human beings or the environment, taking into account the economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits of the conservation of biological diversity.
- (l) The effects of conserving biological diversity on agriculture and forestry.
- (2) By December 30, 1994, the committee shall submit to the legislature a report detailing progress made toward development of the strategy.
- (3) By June 30, 1995, the committee shall circulate a draft of the report described in subsection (4) and conduct a public hearing regarding the content of the draft report.
- (4) By December 30, 1995, the committee shall approve and submit to the legislature a report containing all of the following:
- (a) The recommended state strategy.
  - (b) Summaries of all written comments and reporting department reports received by the committee pertaining to the work of the committee.
  - (c) An evaluation of reports submitted by reporting departments.
  - (d) An evaluation of the cumulative impacts of the reporting departments on the biological diversity of this state.
  - (e) Recommendations pertaining to legislative options.
  - (f) Recommendations regarding whether the definitions in this part should be revised.
  - (g) Recommendations regarding whether there is a need to establish a biological diversity education center to set research priorities and provide leadership and coordination pertaining to fulfilling the policy of this state to maintain biological diversity.
  - (h) Recommendations concerning research priorities and personnel training to facilitate the implementation of the state strategy.

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