

HB 1627-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that there is a finite quantity of high quality agricultural land and that often this agricultural land is mistakenly viewed as an expendable resource.

Finds that the retention of agricultural land is desirable, not only to produce food and other products, but also to maintain our state economy and preferable environmental conditions. For these reasons, and because it is essential that agricultural production be sufficient to meet the needs of our growing population, commitment to the retention of agricultural land should be reflected at the state policy level by the creation of an office of farmland preservation to support the retention of farmland and the viability of farming for future generations.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.