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Brief Description: Revising provisions on the prevention and suppression of forest wild fires.

**HB 1483 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Encourages a coordinated forest fire protection and suppression program for the state.

Declares a primary mission of rural fire districts and municipal fire departments is to protect improved property so as to not inhibit the protection of forest resources by the state.

Acknowledges the natural role of fire in forest ecosystems to maintain healthy forests and to eliminate sources of fuel.