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Finds that a strong state economy is critical to ensuring that the public welfare is maintained in its highest state. The legislature further finds that agriculture is a critical segment of a strong economy.

Declares that all necessary actions should be taken to ensure that the state provides an economic climate that fosters a strong, viable agricultural industry and promotes consistency in administration of state and federal wetlands programs in order to minimize the impacts on agricultural landowners to the fullest possible extent consistent with the important goal of protecting wetlands.