

SB 269-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **269-FN-A**

AN ACT making an appropriation to the department of natural and cultural resources to perform an ecological integrity assessment.

SPONSORS: Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation to the department of natural and cultural resources to perform an ecological integrity assessment.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Appropriation. The sum of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 is hereby
2 appropriated to the commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources for the
3 development of a new tool called the upland ecological integrity assessment. Such funds shall be
4 nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the commissioner of the department of natural and
5 cultural resources. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in
6 the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect June 30, 2019.

**SB 269-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Appropriation	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$110,000	\$40,000	\$0
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Natural Heritage Bureau			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill makes a general fund appropriation of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) for the development of a new tool called the upland ecological integrity assessment. DNCR states the tool would be developed for public land managers to identify and dedicate exemplary natural communities; provide information on the ecological integrity of forests; inform resource management decision-making; and could serve as a model of land stewardship on public lands. The estimated cost to complete the project is \$150,000, with \$100,000 from general funds and \$50,000 from the natural heritage bureau to supplement the project, including supporting current staff. DNCR projects expenditure of the \$100,000 appropriation in FY 2020 and FY 2021.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources