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House Bill 4363 (proposed substitute H-1)

Sponsor: Rep. Gary Howell

Committee: Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4363 would amend Part 21 (General Real Estate Powers) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to change certain public land management procedures of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).¹

Specifically, the bill would amend Subpart 3 (Exchange of State Lands) to extend the time period for the DNR to approve or deny an application for a proposed exchange of surplus state land for land owned by a private individual from 180 days to 210 days.

The bill also would amend Subpart 10 (Land Exchange Facilitation Fund) to extend the time period for the DNR to approve or deny an application for a proposed negotiated sale of surplus state land from 180 days to 210 days.

Finally, the bill would require the DNR to provide public notice at least 30 days before acquiring or making a decision to dispose of, lease, or develop lands of more than 80 acres in size.

(The law currently requires notice to be posted at least 30 days before disposing of, acquiring, leasing, or developing such lands. Under the bill, the notice requirements for acquiring lands would not change, but for disposing of, leasing, or developing lands, the notice would have to be provided 30 days before the decision to do so is made, rather than 30 days before doing so.)

MCL 324.2104, 324.2132, and 324.2165

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4363 is unlikely to affect costs or revenues for the Department of Natural Resources.

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¹ The DNR's public land management and strategic planning procedures were last amended by 2018 PAs 238, 239, and 240. See <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2017-SB-0302>