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TO: Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

FROM: Beth Reiley, Committee Administrator

SUBJECT: 2016 Committee LC Summaries

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LC 199 - Requires certain findings by local governing body for creation, restoration or enhancement of wetlands in exclusive farm use zones. Defines operator, timber owner or landowner for purposes of liability limits associated with certain fish and wildlife habitat improvement projects. Allows for removal of up to 100 cubic yards of material from waters of this state without permit for purposes of maintaining drainage and protecting agricultural land.

LC 274 - Requires Department of State Lands to adopt pilot program for voluntary stream restoration and beaver recovery through construction of artificial beaver dams. Requires department to establish by rule removal or fill general permit for participants to construct artificial beaver dams. Prescribes requirements for pilot program. Requires department to report on program to Legislative Assembly on or before January 1, 2026. Sunsets program January 2, 2028. Declares emergency, effective on passage.