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On Senate Concurrent Resolution 7– Requesting The State and Counties To Compile An Inventory Of Abandoned, Excess, And Underutilized Properties Under Their Respective Jurisdiction

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES, TOURISM AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, and INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY SERVICES

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Senate Concurrent Resolution 7 requests the State and Counties to compile an inventory of abandoned, excess, and underutilized properties under their respective jurisdiction. These type of properties hold the potential for government and community services including housing, early learning centers, and senior services, etc. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) has no objections with providing a listing of vacant state properties under its jurisdiction.

Over the years, the Department has cooperated with government agencies, non-profits, charter schools, etc. to locate developable sites from its inventory. The Department would note that much of the vacant properties remaining with the Department have been eliminated from consideration because they were deemed undesirable.