

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 4166

**Relating to an analysis of wildfire economics on lands
protected by the State Forestry Department**

HB 4166 allows for the Department of Administrative Services to contract for an independent economist to collect data and provide a report on the costs of wildfire protection and wildfire suppression on lands protected by the State Forestry Department. This work is to be accomplished in coordination with a technical advisory team as outlined in the measure.

The reported findings of the economist are to be made to the Governor's Council on Wildfire Response and to a committee of the Legislative Assembly relating to natural resources by or before March 1st, 2021

A General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 to the Department of Administrative Services is included in the recommended amendment for the payment of the contracted services.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 4166 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.