

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

HB 2096 authorizes the Department of Wildlife Conservation to establish a program for technical assistance for private lands that authorizes the Department to enter landowners into 5-year contracts for approved habitat assistance projects. Such projects shall be completed at the landowner's expense. Land entered into the program shall be exempt from eminent domain during the term of the contract and for an additional 5-year period following the completion of work. The landowner may cancel the contract at any time, but shall not remain eligible for the eminent domain protections.

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