

HB1117_L.003

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources.

HB24-1117 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 10 through 14 and substitute:

2 "(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALSO FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

3 (a) RARE PLANTS AND INVERTEBRATES ARE NECESSARY ELEMENTS
4 OF HEALTHY AND RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS;

5 (b) IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS STATE TO:

6 (I) PROTECT AND ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENT
7 ECOSYSTEMS IN THE FACE OF POPULATION GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, AND
8 CLIMATE CHANGE;

9 (II) PROTECT AND CONSERVE RARE PLANTS AND INVERTEBRATES
10 AS MEMBERS OF ECOSYSTEMS;

11 (III) SUPPORT THE WILDLIFE THAT DEPENDS ON RARE PLANTS AND
12 INVERTEBRATES; AND

13 (IV) PREVENT THE DECLINE OF RARE PLANTS AND INVERTEBRATES
14 BEFORE THEIR CONTINUED EXISTENCE IN THE STATE IS IMPERILLED;

15 (c) THE DIVISION SHOULD STUDY AND DETERMINE THE
16 CONSERVATION NEEDS OF RARE PLANTS AND INVERTEBRATES FOUND IN
17 THIS STATE AND IMPLEMENT VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS TO PROTECT THESE
18 SPECIES."

19 Page 3, line 24, after "UNDERTAKE" insert "VOLUNTARY".

20 Page 4, line 8, after "UNDERTAKE" insert "VOLUNTARY".

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