

Agenda Item No.:	11
	Forest Vitality – Issue 3, Objective 6 – Enhancing the Forest Economy 2009 Legislative Concepts - Approval
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**SUMMARY**

Staff is developing potential legislative concepts to be proposed to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and the Governor for filing in advance of the 2009 Legislative session. The purpose of this agenda item is to seek Board approval of the concepts to be forwarded to DAS and the Governor’s Office.

**CONTEXT, BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

Legislative concepts must be submitted by April 4, 2008 for review by DAS and the Governor’s Office. Concepts must be essentially fully developed by this date, in consultation with interested parties, including the public, stakeholder groups, legislators and other agencies. Proposed bills that have a fiscal impact also must be coordinated with development of the Department’s 2009-2011 budget request. Concepts approved by DAS and the Governor’s Office are passed on to the Office of Legislative Counsel for drafting into bill form.

The Board reviewed and discussed a preliminary list of 2009 concepts at its meeting on January 9, 2008. The legislative concept summaries in Attachment 1 represent the staff’s continued work on concept development. The list still requires some adjustment, but frames the group of concepts as envisioned for submittal to DAS by April 4, 2008.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department recommends that the Board review and approve the legislative concepts summarized in Attachment 1, and provide guidance as appropriate for staff use in finalizing the concepts and providing them to DAS and the Governor’s Office.

**NEXT STEPS**

Based on Board review, guidance and approval, staff will finalize the concepts and submit them in advance of the April 4, 2008 deadline.

**ATTACHMENT**

(1) 2009 Legislative Concepts – Summary List