



AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

TESTIMONY ON H.126

Julia S. Moore, P.E., Secretary
April 21, 2023

H.126 – Forest Partnership Recommendations

- ANR worked collaboratively with the Forest Partnership on the April 19 draft
- Proposed definitions address many Agency concerns
 - Conversion
 - Sustainable land management
 - Conserved
- One additional clarification sought:
 - Modify § 2804 (b)(3) as follows:
 - (3) recommendations to **provide and** increase equitable access to protected and conserved lands and land-based enterprises, including promoting compatible recreational access to and use of conserved lands; and
- Appropriation to provide Agency capacity remains important
 - \$150,000 for FY24
 - Will require similar level of support in FY25 and FY26