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## **Agenda for Working Lands Enterprise Initiative Hearing on FY24 Impact Report**

Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry (9:15AM to 10:45AM)*

- 9:15am to 9:20am - A Brief Look at WLEI History (Alyson Eastman, WLEB Chair, joining virtually)
- 9:20am to 9:30am - Cumulative Program Impact (Alisha Utter, WLEB Vice-Chair, joining virtually)
- 9:30am-9:40am – Key Program Design Elements (Elizabeth Sipple, WLEI Program Staff, VAAFM)
- 9:40am to 9:50am – Updated Priority Program Impacts and FY24 Business Enhancement and Small Farm Investments (Clare Salerno, WLEI Program Staff, VAAFM)
- 9:50am to 10:00am - WLEI Impact on Forestry Sector and Supply Chain and Market Level Forestry Investments (Danielle Fitzko, Commissioner, Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation)
- 10:00am to 10:10am – WLEI's Support for Community Development and Ag Supply Chain and Market Level Investments (Elisabeth Nance, Designee Agency of Commerce and Community Development)
- 10:10am-10:20am – WLEI Service Provision Strategy (Abbey Willard, Director of Agricultural Development Division, VAAFM)
- 10:20am-10:25am: Closing remarks (Abbey Willard, Director of Agricultural Development Division, VAAFM)
- 10:25am-10:45am - Q&A