OLR Bill Analysis
HB 6429

AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPALITIES COMBATING GYPSY MOTH AND EMERALD ASH BORER INFESTATIONS.

SUMMARY
This bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to establish a grant-in-aid program for certain municipalities with documented infestations of gypsy moths or emerald ash borers. To be eligible, a municipality must have incurred, or expect to incur, expenses (1) exceeding its customary budgeted tree removal funds or (2) for gypsy moth or emerald ash borer suppression programs. The OPM secretary may establish the method for applying to the program and the criteria for awarding grants.

The bill also requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection commissioner and Agricultural Experiment Station director to consult with the OPM secretary to identify any additional sources of program funding, including federal funds.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION
Environment Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 29  Nay 0  (03/25/2019)