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SB-896

AN ACT CONCERNING TREE REMOVAL ON PROPERTIES UNDER  
THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

AMENDMENT

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***See Fiscal Note Details***

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact.

The amendment declares it to be the goal of the state to, by January 1, 2024, increase the tree canopy by 5% of the total area within environmental justice communities that currently have a tree canopy of less than 40%. While making a certain declaration of goals itself has no fiscal impact, there would be a cost in FY 24 to reach the goal. Any fiscal impacts would depend on the number of communities below the 40% threshold, the total area of these communities, and the per-tree cost of planting. It is not clear whether costs would be incurred by the state or municipalities.

Additionally, the amendment requires, by January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to submit a report to the Environment Committee on the agency's hazardous tree removal activities in state parks for the previous calendar year. This has no fiscal impact since DEEP has the expertise for this requirement.

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