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Overview

Increases payments in lieu of taxes for land utilization project (LUP) land. Currently, payments for LUP lands are \$0.375/acre, adjusted for inflation; the payment would increase to \$3/acre, adjusted for inflation. The new payment is at the same rate as the payments for acquired natural resources land. The annual payment would increase about \$266,000 (from \$38,000 to \$304,000).

Section

- Other natural resources land. Takes LUP land out of the "other natural resources land" category.
- **Land utilization project land.** Establishes "land utilization project land" as a separate category.
- **Types of land; payments.** Adds a separate payment rate of \$3/acre, adjusted for inflation, for LUP lands. Currently, LUP lands are classified as commissioner-administered "other natural resources land" with in lieu payments of \$0.375/acre, adjusted for inflation.
- **Procedure.** Requires the Commissioner of Natural Resources to certify to the Commissioner of Revenue each year the number of acres in each county of LUP land.
- **General distribution.** Treats LUP land like acquired natural resources land in determining distribution of payments by the county to organized townships.