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This bill would require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to compile and maintain a list of counties that have adopted a no-net-gain policy and submitted the policy to the DNR. The DNR would be required to publish the list on the department's Web site. State executive branch agencies (ex. DNR, Department of Transportation, etc.) would be prohibited from acquiring land within a county that had filed a no-net-gain policy unless the agency received approval from the county. A county would be allowed to require an equal amount of state owned land administered by the DNR to be offered for sale at public auction as a condition of the county's approval or if the land to be acquired is owned by the county, the county may require an acre-for-acre exchange.

A few counties have already adopted no-net-gain policies which indicate the county's desire to not have an overall net gain in state-owned land within the county.