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SPECIFICATIONS FOR LAND ACCESS PILOT PROJECT

At its October 22, 2019, meeting, the interim Natural Resources Committee discussed multiple specifications for the land access pilot project authorized by House Bill No. 1021 (2019). The project will be an electronic posting and hunter access information system and may be operated in up to three counties. Not all specifications have been determined.

Specifications	Open Issues
The pilot project will be a mobile application and also may be available online. Even if the pilot project is not available online, information about the pilot project will be available online.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which mobile application will be used for the pilot project? Multiple applications were reviewed but none was selected. • Will the pilot project be available online? If so, will it be part of the Game and Fish Department's website? If not, will the informational webpage be part of the Game and Fish Department's website?
Three counties will be selected for the pilot project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which three counties will participate?
Counties have some parcel ownership information through tax records and other documents, and counties will provide parcel ownership information to the operators of the pilot project. Security measures need to ensure not all information in the tax records is publicly available through the pilot project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who will operate the pilot project and update the information in the pilot project? • How often will the information in the pilot project need to be updated? • Which data fields will counties need to provide? • How often will counties need to provide updated information? • Which data will be made publicly available through the pilot project? • Will some information be available through the statewide geographic information system parcel project rather than through counties? If so, which information?
The pilot project will include interactive maps that denote hunting unit boundaries.	
Education regarding the pilot project is necessary for county officials, game wardens, hunters, landowners, and others. Education may be provided through press releases, news, webcasts, and other means.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is responsible for developing and disseminating the educational materials?
The pilot project will track the number of users who access the application and website.	
Landowners in the three selected counties will need to designate land as open or closed to hunters in the pilot project. Landowners may allow an authorized renter or other individual to designate land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the proposed landowner form provided by Mr. Dorman Bazzell at the last meeting be used for landowners and authorized individuals to designate land? If not, what form will be used? • What is the deadline for designating land? • What authentication measures will be used to ensure only a landowner or authorized individual has the ability to designate a parcel as open or closed?
The pilot project will be evaluated quantitatively and qualitatively to determine whether it should continue beyond the pilot phase.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What criteria will be used to determine success? • Who will evaluate the pilot project?