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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Thursday, February 11, 2016  
8:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1794  
RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT**

House Bill 1794 proposes to make eligible for membership on a county arborist committee, certified arborists, horticulturists with specialization in trees, and persons who have received a master's degree in botany. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this measure.**

The intent of this measure is to expand the qualifications for eligible members on the county arborist committees. The current restriction of membership only to landscape architects has made it difficult for some counties to have an active committee. In particular, the proposed addition of certified arborists and horticulturists will provide the county committees with other important skill sets and expertise essential for managing our urban forests.

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