

**RCW 79.22.060 Transfer, disposal of lands without public auction**

**—Requirements.** (1) With the approval of the board, the department may directly transfer or dispose of state forestlands without public auction, if the transfers are:

(a) In lieu of condemnation or to resolve trespass and property ownership disputes and the lands consist of 10 contiguous acres or less or have a value of \$25,000 or less; or

(b) To public agencies as defined in RCW 79.17.200.

(2) Real property to be transferred or disposed of under this section shall be transferred or disposed of only after appraisal and for at least fair market value, and only if the transaction is in the best interest of the state or affected trust. Valuable materials attached to lands to be transferred under subsection (1)(b) of this section must be appraised at the fair market value without consideration of management or regulatory encumbrances associated with wildlife species listed under the federal endangered species act, if any.

(3)(a) Except as provided in this subsection, the proceeds from real property transferred or disposed of under this section shall be deposited into the parkland trust revolving fund and be solely used to buy replacement forestland for the benefit of the county from which the property was transferred or disposed and pay for the department's administrative expenses to complete the transfer, including the cost of department staff time, appraisals, surveys, environmental reviews, and other similar costs of the transfer. The legislative authority of the county from which the real property was transferred or disposed under subsection (1)(b) of this section may request in writing that the department distribute a percentage of the proceeds associated with valuable materials. Upon such a request, and subject to prior approval by the board, the department shall distribute the requested percentage of proceeds associated with valuable materials as provided in RCW 79.64.110.

(b) The proceeds from real property transferred or disposed of under this section for the purpose of participating in the state forestland pool created under RCW 79.22.140 must be deposited into the parkland trust revolving fund and used to buy replacement forestland for the benefit of that county, as provided in RCW 79.64.110 and located within any county participating in the land pool or under a county agreement as provided in RCW 79.22.140.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in counties with a population of 25,000 or less, the portion of the proceeds associated with valuable materials on state forestland transferred under this section must be distributed as provided in RCW 79.64.110. If requested in writing by the legislative authority of a county participating in the state forestland pool created under RCW 79.22.140, the portion of the proceeds associated with valuable materials on state forestland transferred under this section must be deposited in the parkland trust revolving fund and used to buy replacement forestland for the benefit of that county, as provided in RCW 79.64.110, and located within any county participating in the land pool or under a county agreement as provided in RCW 79.22.140.

(4) During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, the ability of a legislative authority of a county to request the distribution of proceeds from valuable materials under subsection (3)(a) of this section does not apply to structurally complex, carbon-dense forested trust land transferred under section 3034, chapter 375, Laws of 2024.

[2024 c 375 s 8011; 2023 c 383 s 6; 2012 c 166 s 7; 2009 c 354 s 7; 2003 c 334 s 221; 2000 c 148 s 3. Formerly RCW 76.12.125.]

**Effective date—2024 c 375:** See note following RCW 70A.65.305.

**Findings—2023 c 383:** See note following RCW 79.17.300.

**Findings—Intent—2012 c 166:** See note following RCW 79.02.010.

**Finding—Intent—2009 c 354:** See note following RCW 84.33.140.

**Intent—2003 c 334:** See note following RCW 79.02.010.