
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1877

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By House Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Hargrove, Belcher, Jones, Phillips, Jacobsen, Sheldon, Basich and Rasmussen).

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1 AN ACT Relating to natural resource management research; amending
2 RCW 76.12.210; adding new sections to chapter 76.12 RCW; creating a new
3 section; and making appropriations.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that conflicts
6 over the use of natural resources essential to the state's residents,
7 especially forest and ocean resources, have increased dramatically.
8 There are growing demands that these resources be fully utilized for
9 their commodity values, while simultaneously there are increased
10 demands for protection and preservation of these same resources. While
11 these competing demands are most often viewed as mutually exclusive,
12 recent research has suggested that commodity production and ecological
13 values can be integrated. It is the intent of the legislature to
14 foster and support the research and education necessary to provide
15 sound scientific information on which to base sustainable forest and

1 marine industries, and at the same time sustain the ecological values
2 demanded by much of the public.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 76.12.210 and 1989 c 424 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 ~~((1))~~ The Olympic ~~((institute for old growth forest and ocean
6 research and education))~~ natural resources center is hereby created at
7 the University of Washington in the college of forest resources and the
8 college of ocean and fishery sciences. The ~~((institute))~~ center shall
9 ~~((be located))~~ maintain facilities and programs in the western portion
10 of the Olympic Peninsula. Its purpose shall be to demonstrate
11 innovative management methods which successfully integrate
12 environmental and economic interests into pragmatic management of
13 forest and ocean resources. The ~~((institute))~~ center shall combine
14 research and educational opportunities with experimental forestry,
15 oceans management, and traditional management knowledge into an overall
16 program which demonstrates that management based on sound economic
17 principles is made superior when combined with new methods of
18 management based on ecological principles. ~~((The institute shall be
19 jointly supported by the college of forest resources and the college of
20 ocean and fishery science.~~

21 ~~(2) There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to the
22 University of Washington the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars,
23 or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June
24 30, 1991, for the purpose of preparing a development plan for the
25 institute. The development plan shall involve policy makers from
26 state, federal, tribal, business, and environmental interests in the
27 preparation of management plans and as it develops programs and shall
28 be guided by the recommendation of the old growth commission appointed~~

1 ~~by the commissioner of public lands.))~~ The programs developed by the
2 center shall include the following:

3 (1) Research and education on a broad range of ocean resources
4 problems and opportunities in the region, such as estuarine processes,
5 ocean and coastal management, offshore development, fisheries and
6 shellfish enhancement, and coastal business development, tourism, and
7 recreation. In developing this component of the center's program, the
8 center shall collaborate with coastal educational institutions such as
9 Grays Harbor community college and Peninsula community college;

10 (2) Research and education on forest resources management issues on
11 the landscape, ecosystem, or regional level, including issues that
12 cross legal and administrative boundaries;

13 (3) Research and education that broadly integrates marine and
14 terrestrial issues, including interactions of marine, aquatic, and
15 terrestrial ecosystems, and that identifies options and opportunities
16 to simultaneously address economic and ecological issues associated
17 with these ecosystems. Where appropriate, programs shall address
18 issues and opportunities that cross legal and administrative
19 boundaries;

20 (4) Educational opportunities such as workshops, short courses, and
21 continuing education for resource professionals, policy forums,
22 information exchanges including international exchanges where
23 appropriate, conferences, student research, and public education; and

24 (5) Creation of a neutral forum where parties with diverse
25 interests are encouraged to address and resolve their conflicts.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The Olympic natural resources center
27 shall operate under the authority of the board of regents of the
28 University of Washington. It shall be administered by a director
29 appointed jointly by the deans of the college of forest resources and

1 the college of ocean and fishery sciences. The director shall be a
2 member of the faculty of one of those colleges. The director shall
3 appoint and maintain a scientific or technical committee, and other
4 committees as necessary, to advise the director on the efficiency,
5 effectiveness, and quality of the center's activities.

6 A policy advisory board consisting of eleven members shall be
7 appointed by the governor to advise the deans and the director on
8 policies for the center that are consistent with the purposes of the
9 center. Membership on the policy advisory board shall broadly
10 represent the various interests concerned with the purposes of the
11 center, including state and federal government, environmental
12 organizations, local community, timber industry, and Indian tribes.

13 Service on boards and committees of the center shall be without
14 compensation but actual travel expenses incurred in connection with
15 service to the center may be reimbursed from appropriated funds in
16 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The center may solicit gifts, grants,
18 conveyances, bequests, and devises, whether real or personal property,
19 or both, in trust or otherwise, to be directed to the center for
20 carrying out the purposes of the center. The center may solicit
21 contracts for work, financial and in-kind contributions, and support
22 from private industries, interest groups, federal and state sources,
23 and other sources. It may also use separately appropriated funds of
24 the University of Washington for the center's activities.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The following amounts, or as much
26 thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated for the biennium ending
27 June 30, 1993:

1 (1) Nine hundred eight-five thousand dollars from the general fund,
2 to the University of Washington to administer and operate the center
3 and its programs.

4 (2) Five million six hundred seventy-five thousand dollars from the
5 state building and construction account, to the University of
6 Washington for the acquisition, purchase, construction, and furnishing
7 of facilities for the Olympic natural resources center's portion of
8 joint facilities with the department of natural resources on the
9 western Olympic Peninsula.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Because it may be advantageous at some
11 time in the future to colocate the department of natural resources
12 Olympic region headquarters in a joint compound with the center, the
13 center facilities funded under section 5(2) of this act shall be
14 developed by the university so as to allow for the possibility of
15 colocation in a joint compound.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this act are
17 each added to chapter 76.12 RCW.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If any provision of this act or its
19 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
20 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
21 persons or circumstances is not affected.