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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            **Sec. 1.** RCW 76.12.210 and 1989 c 424 s 4 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (~~((1))~~) The Olympic (~~((institute for old growth forest and ocean  
8 research and education))~~) natural resources center is hereby created at  
9 the University of Washington in the college of forest resources and the  
10 college of ocean and fishery sciences. The (~~((institute))~~) center shall  
11 (~~((be located))~~) maintain facilities and programs in the western portion  
12 of the Olympic Peninsula. Its purpose shall be to demonstrate  
13 innovative management methods which successfully integrate  
14 environmental and economic interests into pragmatic management of  
15 forest and ocean resources. The (~~((institute))~~) center shall combine

1 research and educational opportunities with experimental forestry,  
2 oceans management, and traditional management knowledge into an overall  
3 program which demonstrates that management based on sound economic  
4 principles is made superior when combined with new methods of  
5 management based on ecological principles. (~~The institute shall be~~  
6 ~~jointly supported by the college of forest resources and the college of~~  
7 ~~ocean and fishery science.~~

8       ~~(2) There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to the~~  
9 ~~University of Washington the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars,~~  
10 ~~or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June~~  
11 ~~30, 1991, for the purpose of preparing a development plan for the~~  
12 ~~institute. The development plan shall involve policy makers from~~  
13 ~~state, federal, tribal, business, and environmental interests in the~~  
14 ~~preparation of management plans and as it develops programs and shall~~  
15 ~~be guided by the recommendation of the old growth commission appointed~~  
16 ~~by the commissioner of public lands.))~~ Additionally, the center shall  
17 address resource management issues on the landscape, ecosystem, or  
18 regional level, including issues that cross legal and administrative  
19 boundaries, and the center shall provide a neutral forum where parties  
20 with diverse interests are encouraged to address and resolve their  
21 conflicts.

22       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**       The Olympic natural resources center  
23 shall operate under the authority of the board of regents of the  
24 University of Washington. It shall be administered by a director  
25 appointed jointly by the deans of the college of forest resources and  
26 the college of ocean and fishery sciences. The director shall be a  
27 member of the faculty of one of those colleges. The director shall  
28 appoint and maintain a scientific or technical committee, and other

1 committees as necessary, to advise the director on the efficiency,  
2 effectiveness, and quality of the center's activities.

3 A policy advisory board for the center shall be appointed to advise  
4 the deans and the director on policies for the center that are  
5 consistent with the purposes of the center. Membership on the policy  
6 advisory board shall broadly represent the various interests concerned  
7 with the purposes of the center, including state and federal  
8 government, environmental organizations, timber industry, and Indian  
9 tribes.

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

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The center may solicit gifts, grants,  
15 conveyances, bequests, and devises, whether real or personal property,  
16 or both, in trust or otherwise, to be directed to the center for  
17 carrying out the purposes of the center. The center may solicit  
18 contracts for work, financial and in-kind contributions, and support  
19 from private industries, interest groups, federal and state sources,  
20 and other sources. It may also use separately appropriated funds of  
21 the University of Washington for the center's activities.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The following amounts, or as much  
23 thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated for the biennium ending  
24 June 30, 1993:

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

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Because it may be advantageous at some  
8 time in the future to colocate the department of natural resources  
9 Olympic region headquarters in a joint compound with the center, the  
10 center facilities funded under section 4(2) of this act shall be  
11 developed by the university so as to allow for the possibility of  
12 colocation in a joint compound.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act are each  
14 added to chapter 76.12 RCW.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If any provision of this act or its  
16 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
17 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
18 persons or circumstances is not affected.