
**Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee**

HB 2893

Brief Description: Modifying the composition of the forest practices board.

Sponsors: Representatives VanDeWege, Kessler, Moeller, Sells, Hunt, Takko, McCoy, Lias, Conway, Haigh, Blake, Ormsby, Loomis, O'Brien, Eickmeyer, Hasegawa, Green, Pearson and Nelson.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes a representative of labor to sit as a member on the Forest Practices Board of Washington.

Hearing Date: 1/31/08

Staff: Jaclyn Ford (786-7339).

Background:

The Forest Practices Board of Washington was created in order to integrate the laws, rules, and programs governing forest practices and hydraulic projects. Membership consists of the directors of the Departments of Agriculture, Ecology, Fish and Wildlife, and Community, Trade, and Economic Development and the Commissioner of Public Lands. In addition, an elected member of a county legislative authority, and six members of the general public (one of them being an independent logging contractor, one owning less than 500 acres of forest land) are appointed by the Governor. Each member is appointed for a term of four years. [RCW 76.09.030].

Summary of Bill:

The Governor will appoint a representative of labor to the Forest Practices Board from a list of names provided by a statewide organization representing a cross-section of organized labor in Washington.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.