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By Representatives Orcutt, Blake, Kretz, McCune, and VanDeWege

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1            AN ACT Relating to studying the state's specialized forest product  
2 resources; amending 2007 c 392 s 2 (uncodified); and providing an  
3 expiration date.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** 2007 c 392 s 2 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

6            (1) The specialized forest products work group is established. The  
7 work group must consist of appropriate representation from: The  
8 department of natural resources; county sheriffs; county prosecutors;  
9 industrial and small forest landowners; tribes; recreational and  
10 professional wood carvers; cedar and specialty wood processors; and  
11 other appropriate persons invited by the commissioner of public lands.

12            (2) The specialized forest products work group must review the  
13 current specialized forest products statute, chapter 76.48 RCW, as well  
14 as applicable theft laws. The specialized forest products work group  
15 must evaluate the statute, as well as its application, and make  
16 recommendations, if any, to ensure that the specialized forest products  
17 requirements: Provide reasonable tools for law enforcement and  
18 reasonably protect landowners from theft; are not unduly burdensome to  
19 harvesters, those possessing or transporting specialized forest

1 products, or cedar or specialty wood processors or buyers; are clear  
2 and may be readily understood by law enforcement and the public; and  
3 are administered and enforced consistently throughout the state.

4 (3) The specialized forest products work group must be staffed by  
5 the department of natural resources.

6 (4) The specialized forest products work group must provide a  
7 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature containing its  
8 recommendations, as well as draft legislation implementing its  
9 recommendations, by December 1, (~~2007~~) 2008.

10 (5) This section expires July 1, (~~2008~~) 2009.

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