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ENGROSSED 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; and adding new sections to chapter 76.12 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that conflicts  
5 over the use of natural resources essential to the state's residents,  
6 especially forest and ocean resources, have increased dramatically.  
7 There are growing demands that these resources be fully utilized for  
8 their commodity values, while simultaneously there are increased  
9 demands for protection and preservation of these same resources. While  
10 these competing demands are most often viewed as mutually exclusive,  
11 recent research has suggested that commodity production and ecological  
12 values can be integrated. It is the intent of the legislature to  
13 foster and support the research and education necessary to provide  
14 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) Research and education on natural resources and their social  
21 and economic implications, and on alternative economic and social bases  
22 for sustainable, healthy, resource-based communities;

23 (5) Educational opportunities such as workshops, short courses, and  
24 continuing education for resource professionals, policy forums,  
25 information exchanges including international exchanges where  
26 appropriate, conferences, student research, and public education; and

27 (6) Creation of a neutral forum where parties with diverse  
28 interests are encouraged to address and resolve their conflicts.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**        The Olympic natural resources center  
2 shall operate under the authority of the board of regents of the  
3 University of Washington. It shall be administered by a director  
4 appointed jointly by the deans of the college of forest resources and  
5 the college of ocean and fishery sciences. The director shall be a  
6 member of the faculty of one of those colleges. The director shall  
7 appoint and maintain a scientific or technical committee, and other  
8 committees as necessary, to advise the director on the efficiency,  
9 effectiveness, and quality of the center's activities.

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

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

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

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**        Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this act are  
2 each added to chapter 76.12 RCW.

3        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**        If any provision of this act or its  
4 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
5 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
6 persons or circumstances is not affected.