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By Representatives Buck, Fuhrman, Pennington, Silver, Johnson, Brumsickle, Stevens, Hargrove and Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to the department of natural resources; and adding  
2 a new section to chapter 43.30 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 The department of natural resources is prohibited from entering  
7 into any agreement and from making any commitment intended to induce  
8 the issuance of a permit from the federal government which,  
9 individually or together with any other agreement or commitment affects  
10 more than ten thousand acres of public and/or state forest land for  
11 five or more years unless the department has obtained express  
12 legislative and gubernatorial approval of the terms of such agreement  
13 or commitment. Agreements and commitments to which this section  
14 applies include but are not limited to conservation plans and  
15 incidental take permits under 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1539(a), and all other  
16 agreements, management plans, and "no-take" or similar letters relating  
17 to the federal endangered species act, as it now exists or may  
18 hereafter be amended. Approval must be in the form of duly enacted  
19 legislation. Prior to seeking approval, the department shall provide

1 the legislature and governor with copies of all proposed plans,  
2 agreements, and commitments, together with a complete analysis  
3 demonstrating that the proposed agreement or commitment is in the best  
4 interests of the affected entities, trust beneficiary, other public  
5 entity, or the public at large, as the case may be.

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