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By Representatives Buck, Kessler, Johnson, Hatfield, Sheldon, Basich and Schoesler; by request of Governor Lowry

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1 AN ACT Relating to economic and employment impact of natural
2 resources harvest variation in rural communities; amending RCW
3 43.31.601, 43.31.611, 43.31.621, 43.31.641, 50.22.090, 43.31.651,
4 43.63A.600, 43.63A.440, 43.160.076, 28B.50.030, 28B.50.258, 28B.50.262,
5 28B.80.570, 28B.80.575, 28B.80.580, 28B.80.585, 43.17.065, 43.20A.750,
6 43.21J.010, 43.168.020, 43.168.140, 43.210.110, 50.12.270, 50.70.010,
7 and 50.70.020; amending 1993 c 316 s 5 (uncodified); amending 1993 c
8 320 s 10 (uncodified); amending 1993 c 316 s 7 (uncodified); amending
9 1993 c 320 s 11 (uncodified); reenacting and amending RCW 43.160.020
10 and 43.160.200; adding a new section to chapter 43.63A RCW; creating a
11 new section; repealing RCW 43.31.661 and 43.31.631; providing an
12 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.31.601 and 1992 c 21 s 2 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 For the purposes of RCW 43.31.601 through 43.31.661:

17 (1) (~~"Board" means the economic recovery coordination board;~~

18 ~~{2})~~) "Timber impact area" means(~~{~~

1 ~~(a))~~ a county having a population of less than five hundred
2 thousand, or a city or town located within a county having a population
3 of less than five hundred thousand, and meeting two of the following
4 three criteria, as determined by the employment security department,
5 for the most recent year such data is available: ~~((+i))~~ (a) A lumber
6 and wood products employment location quotient at or above the state
7 average; ~~((+ii))~~ (b) projected or actual direct lumber and wood
8 products job losses of one hundred positions or more, except counties
9 having a population greater than two hundred thousand but less than
10 five hundred thousand must have direct lumber and wood products job
11 losses of one thousand positions or more; or ~~((+iii))~~ (c) an annual
12 unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state average~~((+or~~
13 ~~(b) Additional communities as the economic recovery coordinating~~
14 ~~board, established in RCW 43.31.631, designates based on a finding by~~
15 ~~the board that each designated community is socially and economically~~
16 ~~integrated with areas that meet the definition of a timber impact area~~
17 ~~under (a) of this subsection)).~~

18 (2)(a) "Rural natural resources impact area" means:

19 (i) A nonmetropolitan county, as defined by the 1990 decennial
20 census, that meets two of the five criteria set forth in (b) of this
21 subsection; or

22 (ii) A nonurbanized area, as defined by the 1990 decennial census,
23 that is located in a metropolitan county that meets two of the five
24 criteria set forth in (b) of this subsection.

25 (b) For the purposes of designating rural natural resources impact
26 areas, the following criteria shall be considered:

27 (i) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or
28 above the state average;

29 (ii) A commercial salmon fishing employment location quotient at or
30 above the state average;

31 (iii) Projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job
32 losses of one hundred positions or more;

33 (iv) Projected or actual direct commercial salmon fishing job
34 losses of one hundred positions or more; and

35 (v) An unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state
36 average.

37 The counties that meet these criteria shall be determined by the
38 employment security department for the most recent year for which data
39 is available. For the purposes of administration of programs under

1 this chapter, the United States post office five-digit zip code
2 delivery areas will be used to determine residence status for
3 eligibility purposes. For the purpose of this definition, a zip code
4 delivery area that is located wholly or partially in an urbanized area
5 or within two miles of an urbanized area is considered urbanized. The
6 office of financial management shall make available a zip code listing
7 of the areas to all agencies and organizations providing services under
8 this chapter.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.31.611 and 1993 c 316 s 1 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (1) The governor shall appoint a ~~((timber-recovery))~~ rural
12 community assistance coordinator. The coordinator shall coordinate the
13 state and federal economic and social programs targeted to ~~((timber))~~
14 rural natural resources impact areas.

15 (2) The coordinator's responsibilities shall include but not be
16 limited to:

17 (a) ~~((Serving as executive secretary of the economic recovery~~
18 ~~coordination board and directing staff associated with the board.~~

19 ~~((b))~~ Chairing the agency ~~((timber))~~ rural community assistance
20 task force and directing staff associated with the task force.

21 ~~((c))~~ (b) Coordinating and maximizing the impact of state and
22 federal assistance to ~~((timber))~~ rural natural resources impact areas.

23 ~~((d))~~ (c) Coordinating and expediting programs to assist
24 ~~((timber))~~ rural natural resources impact areas.

25 ~~((e))~~ (d) Providing the legislature with a status and impact
26 report on the ~~((timber-recovery))~~ rural community assistance program in
27 January ~~((1992))~~ 1996.

28 (3) To assist in carrying out the duties set out under this
29 section, the coordinator shall consult with the Washington state rural
30 development council and may appoint an advisory body that has
31 representation from local governments and natural resources interest
32 groups representing impacted rural communities.

33 (4) This section shall expire June 30, ~~((1995))~~ 1999.

34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.31.621 and 1994 c 264 s 18 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 (1) There is established the agency ~~((timber))~~ rural community
37 assistance task force. The task force shall be chaired by the ((timber

1 ~~recovery~~) rural community assistance coordinator. It shall be the
2 responsibility of the coordinator that all directives of chapter 314,
3 Laws of 1991 are carried out expeditiously by the agencies represented
4 in the task force. The task force shall consist of the directors, or
5 representatives of the directors, of the following agencies: The
6 department of community, trade, and economic development, employment
7 security department, department of social and health services, state
8 board for community and technical colleges, ~~((state))~~ work force
9 training and education coordinating board, ~~((or its replacement~~
10 ~~entity,))~~ department of natural resources, department of
11 transportation, state energy office, department of fish and wildlife,
12 University of Washington center for international trade in forest
13 products, department of agriculture, and department of ecology. The
14 task force shall solicit and consider input from the rural development
15 council in coordinating agency programs targeted to rural natural
16 resources impacted communities. The task force may consult and enlist
17 the assistance of the following: The higher education coordinating
18 board, University of Washington college of forest resources, University
19 of Washington school of fisheries, Washington State University school
20 of forestry, Northwest policy center, state superintendent of public
21 instruction, Washington state labor council, the Evergreen partnership,
22 Washington state association of counties, and ~~((rural development~~
23 ~~council))~~ others as needed.

24 (2) The task force, in conjunction with the rural development
25 council, shall undertake a study to determine whether additional
26 communities and industries are impacted, or are likely to be impacted,
27 by salmon preservation and recovery efforts. The task force shall
28 consider possible impacts in the following industries and associated
29 communities: Barge transportation, irrigation dependent agriculture,
30 food processing, aluminum, charter recreational fishing, boatbuilding,
31 and other sectors suggested by the task force. The task force shall
32 report its findings and recommendations to the legislature by January
33 1996.

34 (3) This section shall expire June 30, ~~((1995))~~ 1999.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.31.641 and 1993 c 280 s 50 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

1 The department of community, trade, and economic development, as a
2 member of the agency (~~(timber)~~) rural community assistance task force
3 (~~(and in consultation with the board)~~), shall:

4 (1) Implement an expanded value-added forest products development
5 industrial extension program. The department shall provide technical
6 assistance to small and medium-sized forest products companies to
7 include:

8 (a) Secondary manufacturing product development;

9 (b) Plant and equipment maintenance;

10 (c) Identification and development of domestic market
11 opportunities;

12 (d) Building products export development assistance;

13 (e) At-risk business development assistance;

14 (f) Business network development; and

15 (g) Timber impact area industrial diversification.

16 (2) Provide local contracts for small and medium-sized forest
17 product companies, start-ups, and business organizations for business
18 feasibility, market development, and business network contracts that
19 will benefit value-added production efforts in the industry.

20 (3) Contract with local business organizations in timber impact
21 areas for development of programs to promote industrial
22 diversification. The department shall provide local capacity-building
23 grants to local governments and community-based organizations in timber
24 impact areas, which may include long-range planning and needs
25 assessments.

26 For the 1991-93 biennium, the department of community, trade, and
27 economic development shall use funds appropriated for this section for
28 contracts and for no more than two additional staff positions.

29 **Sec. 5.** RCW 50.22.090 and 1993 c 316 s 10 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 (1) An additional benefit period is established for (~~(counties~~
32 ~~identified under subsection (2) of this section beginning on the first~~
33 ~~Sunday after July 1, 1991, and for the forest products industry~~
34 ~~beginning with the third week after the first Sunday after July 1,~~
35 ~~1991)) rural natural resources impact areas, defined in RCW 43.31.601,
36 and determined by the office of financial management and the employment
37 security department. Benefits shall be paid as provided in subsection~~

1 (3) of this section to exhaustees eligible under subsection (4) of this
2 section.

3 (2) (~~The additional benefit period applies to counties having a~~
4 ~~population of less than five hundred thousand beginning with the third~~
5 ~~week after a week in which the commissioner determines that a county~~
6 ~~meets two of the following three criteria, as determined by the~~
7 ~~department, for the most recent year in which such data is available:~~
8 ~~(a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or above~~
9 ~~the state average; (b) projected or actual direct lumber and wood~~
10 ~~products job losses of one hundred positions or more, except counties~~
11 ~~having a population greater than two hundred thousand but less than~~
12 ~~five hundred thousand must have direct lumber and wood products job~~
13 ~~losses of one thousand positions or more; or (c) an annual unemployment~~
14 ~~rate twenty percent or more above the state average.)) The additional~~
15 ~~benefit period for a county may end no sooner than fifty-two weeks~~
16 ~~after the additional benefit period begins.~~

17 (3) Additional benefits shall be paid as follows:

18 (a) No new claims for additional benefits shall be accepted for
19 weeks beginning after July 1, (~~(1995)~~) 1997, but for claims established
20 on or before July 1, (~~(1995)~~) 1997, weeks of unemployment occurring
21 after July 1, (~~(1995)~~) 1997, shall be compensated as provided in this
22 section.

23 (b) The total additional benefit amount shall be one hundred four
24 times the individual's weekly benefit amount, reduced by the total
25 amount of regular benefits and extended benefits paid, or deemed paid,
26 with respect to the benefit year. Additional benefits shall not be
27 payable for weeks more than two years beyond the end of the benefit
28 year of the regular claim for an individual whose benefit year ends on
29 or after July 27, 1991, and shall not be payable for weeks ending on or
30 after two years after March 26, 1992, for individuals who become
31 eligible as a result of chapter 47, Laws of 1992.

32 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of (b) of this subsection,
33 individuals will be entitled to up to five additional weeks of benefits
34 following the completion or termination of training.

35 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of (b) of this subsection,
36 individuals enrolled in prerequisite remedial education for a training
37 program expected to last at least one year will be entitled to up to
38 thirteen additional weeks of benefits which shall not count toward the
39 total in (b) of this subsection.

1 (e) The weekly benefit amount shall be calculated as specified in
2 RCW 50.22.040.

3 ~~((e))~~ (f) Benefits paid under this section shall be paid under
4 the same terms and conditions as regular benefits and shall not be
5 charged to the experience rating account of individual employers. The
6 additional benefit period shall be suspended with the start of an
7 extended benefit period, or any totally federally funded benefit
8 program, with eligibility criteria and benefits comparable to the
9 program established by this section, and shall resume the first week
10 following the end of the federal program.

11 ~~((f))~~ (g) The amendments in chapter 316, Laws of 1993 affecting
12 subsection (3) (b) and (c) of this section shall apply in the case of
13 all individuals determined to be monetarily eligible under this section
14 without regard to the date eligibility was determined.

15 (4) An additional benefit eligibility period is established for any
16 exhaustee who:

17 (a)(i) At the time of last separation from employment, resided in
18 or was employed in a ~~((county identified under subsection (2) of this
19 section))~~ rural natural resources impact area defined in RCW 43.31.601
20 and determined by the office of financial management and the employment
21 security department; or

22 (ii) During his or her base year, earned wages in at least six
23 hundred eighty hours in either the forest products industry, which
24 shall be determined by the department but shall include the industries
25 assigned the major group standard industrial classification codes "24"
26 and "26" and the industries involved in the harvesting and management
27 of logs, transportation of logs and wood products, processing of wood
28 products, and the manufacturing and distribution of wood processing and
29 logging equipment or the fishing industry assigned the standard
30 industrial classification code "0912". The commissioner may adopt
31 rules further interpreting the industries covered under this
32 subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, "standard industrial
33 classification code" means the code identified in RCW 50.29.025(6)(c);
34 and

35 (b)(i) Has received notice of termination or layoff; and

36 (ii) Is unlikely to return to employment in his or her principal
37 occupation or previous industry because of a diminishing demand within
38 his or her labor market for his or her skills in the occupation or
39 industry; and

1 (c)(i)(~~(A)~~) Is notified by the department of the requirements of
2 this section and develops an individual training program that is
3 submitted to the commissioner for approval not later than sixty days
4 after the individual is notified of the requirements of this section,
5 and enters the approved training program not later than ninety days
6 after the date of the individual's termination or layoff, or ninety
7 days after July 1, 1991, whichever is later, unless the department
8 determines that the training is not available during the ninety-day
9 period, in which case the individual shall enter training as soon as it
10 is available; or

11 (~~(B) Is unemployed as the result of a plant closure that occurs
12 after November 1, 1992, in a county identified under subsection (2) of
13 this section, did not comply with the requirements of (c)(i)(A) of this
14 subsection due to good cause as demonstrated to the department, such as
15 ambiguity over possible sale of the plant, develops a training program
16 that is submitted to the commissioner for approval not later than sixty
17 days from a date determined by the department to accommodate the good
18 cause, and enters the approved training program not later than ninety
19 days after the revised date established by the department, unless the
20 department determines that the training is not available during the
21 ninety-day period, in which case the individual shall enter training as
22 soon as it is available; or~~)

23 (ii) Is enrolled in training approved under this section on a full-
24 time basis and maintains satisfactory progress in the training(~~(; and~~

25 ~~(d) Does not receive a training allowance or stipend under the
26 provisions of any federal or state law~~)).

27 (5) For the purposes of this section:

28 (a) "Training program" means:

29 (i) A remedial education program determined to be necessary after
30 counseling at the educational institution in which the individual
31 enrolls pursuant to his or her approved training program; or

32 (ii) A vocational training program at an educational institution
33 that:

34 (A) Is training for a labor demand occupation; and

35 (B) Is likely to facilitate a substantial enhancement of the
36 individual's marketable skills and earning power(~~(; and~~

37 ~~(C) Does not include on-the-job training or other training under
38 which the individual is paid by an employer for work performed by the~~

1 individual during the time that the individual receives additional
2 benefits under subsection (1) of this section)).

3 (b) "Educational institution" means an institution of higher
4 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 or an educational institution as
5 defined in RCW 28C.04.410(3).

6 (c) "Training allowance or stipend" means discretionary use, cash-
7 in-hand payments available to the individual to be used as the
8 individual sees fit, but does not mean direct or indirect compensation
9 for training costs, such as tuition or books and supplies.

10 (6) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
11 this section.

12 (7) (~~For the purpose of this section, an individual who has a~~
13 ~~benefit year beginning after January 1, 1989, and ending before July~~
14 ~~27, 1991, shall be treated as if his or her benefit year ended on July~~
15 ~~27, 1991)) The provisions of RCW 50.22.010(10) shall not apply to
16 anyone who establishes eligibility for additional benefits under this
17 section and whose benefit year ends after the effective date of this
18 act. These individuals will have the option of remaining on the
19 original claim or filing a new claim.~~

20 **Sec. 6.** 1993 c 316 s 5 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) For the period beginning July 1, 1991, and ending June 30,
22 (~~1995~~) 1997, in (~~timber~~) rural natural resources impact areas the
23 public works board may award low-interest or interest-free loans to
24 local governments for construction of new or expanded public works
25 facilities that stimulate economic growth or diversification.

26 (2) For the purposes of this section and section 27, chapter 314,
27 Laws of 1991:

28 (a) "Public facilities" means bridge, road and street, domestic
29 water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer systems.

30 (b) (~~"Timber impact area" means:~~

31 (i) ~~A county having a population of less than five hundred~~
32 ~~thousand, or a city or town located within a county having a population~~
33 ~~of less than five hundred thousand, and meeting two of the following~~
34 ~~three criteria, as determined by the employment security department,~~
35 ~~for the most recent year such data is available: (A) A lumber and wood~~
36 ~~products employment location quotient at or above the state average;~~
37 ~~(B) projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses of~~
38 ~~one hundred positions or more, except counties having a population~~

1 ~~greater than two hundred thousand but less than five hundred thousand~~
2 ~~must have direct lumber and wood products job losses of one thousand~~
3 ~~positions or more; or (C) an annual unemployment rate twenty percent or~~
4 ~~more above the state average; or~~

5 ~~(ii) Additional communities as the economic recovery coordinating~~
6 ~~board, established in RCW 43.31.631, designates based on a finding by~~
7 ~~the board that each designated community is socially and economically~~
8 ~~integrated with areas that meet the definition of a timber impact area~~
9 ~~under (b)(i) of this subsection.~~

10 ~~(3))~~ "Rural natural resources impact area" means:

11 (i) A nonmetropolitan county, as defined by the 1990 decennial
12 census, that meets two of the five criteria set forth in subsection (3)
13 of this section; or

14 (ii) A nonurbanized area, as defined by the 1990 decennial census,
15 that is located in a metropolitan county that meets two of the five
16 criteria set forth in subsection (3) of this section.

17 (3) For the purposes of designating rural natural resources impact
18 areas, the following criteria shall be considered:

19 (a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or
20 above the state average;

21 (b) A commercial salmon fishing employment location quotient at or
22 above the state average;

23 (c) Projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses
24 of one hundred positions or more;

25 (d) Projected or actual direct commercial salmon fishing job losses
26 of one hundred positions or more; and

27 (e) An unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state
28 average. The counties that meet these criteria shall be determined by
29 the employment security department for the most recent year for which
30 data is available. For the purposes of administration of programs
31 under this chapter, the United States post office five-digit zip code
32 delivery areas will be used to determine residence status for
33 eligibility purposes. For the purpose of this definition, a zip code
34 delivery area that is located wholly or partially in an urbanized area
35 or within two miles of an urbanized area is considered urbanized. The
36 office of financial management shall make available a zip code listing
37 of the areas to all agencies and organizations providing services under
38 this chapter.

1 (4) The loans may have a deferred payment of up to five years but
2 shall be repaid within twenty years. The public works board may
3 require other terms and conditions and may charge such rates of
4 interest on its loans as it deems appropriate to carry out the purposes
5 of this section. Repayments shall be made to the public works
6 assistance account.

7 (~~(4)~~) (5) The board may make such loans irrespective of the
8 annual loan cycle and reporting required in RCW 43.155.070.

9 **Sec. 7.** 1993 c 320 s 10 (uncodified) is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 RCW 43.160.076 and 1991 c 314 s 24 & 1985 c 446 s 6 are each
12 repealed effective June 30, (~~(1995)~~) 1997.

13 **Sec. 8.** 1993 c 316 s 7 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:
14 RCW 43.160.200 expires June 30, (~~(1995)~~) 1997.

15 **Sec. 9.** 1993 c 320 s 11 (uncodified) is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 RCW 43.160.210 shall take effect July 1, (~~(1995)~~) 1997.

18 **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.31.651 and 1993 c 280 s 51 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 The department of community, trade, and economic development as a
21 part of the agency (~~(timber)~~) rural community assistance task force
22 (~~(and in consultation with the board,~~) shall implement a community
23 assistance program to enable communities to build local capacity for
24 sustainable economic development efforts. The program shall provide
25 resources and technical assistance to (~~(timber)~~) rural natural
26 resources impact areas.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 43.63A
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
30 this section apply throughout this chapter.

31 (1) "Dislocated forest products worker" means a forest products
32 worker who: (a)(i) Has been terminated or received notice of
33 termination from employment and is unlikely to return to employment in
34 the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of

1 a diminishing demand for his or her skills in that occupation or
2 industry; or (ii) is self-employed and has been displaced from his or
3 her business because of the diminishing demand for the business's
4 services or goods; and (b) at the time of last separation from
5 employment, resided in or was employed in a rural natural resources
6 impact area.

7 (2) "Forest products worker" means a worker in the forest products
8 industries affected by the reduction of forest fiber enhancement,
9 transportation, or production. The workers included within this
10 definition shall be determined by the employment security department,
11 but shall include workers employed in the industries assigned the major
12 group standard industrial classification codes "24" and "26" and the
13 industries involved in the harvesting and management of logs,
14 transportation of logs and wood products, processing of wood products,
15 and the manufacturing and distribution of wood processing and logging
16 equipment. The commissioner may adopt rules further interpreting these
17 definitions. For the purposes of this subsection, "standard industrial
18 classification code" means the code identified in RCW 50.29.025(6)(c).

19 (3) "Dislocated salmon fishing worker" means a salmon products
20 worker who: (a)(i) Has been terminated or received notice of
21 termination from employment and is unlikely to return to employment in
22 the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of
23 a diminishing demand for his or her skills in that occupation or
24 industry; or (ii) is self-employed and has been displaced from his or
25 her business because of the diminishing demand for the business's
26 services or goods; and (b) at the time of last separation from
27 employment, resided in or was employed in a rural natural resources
28 impact area.

29 (4) "Salmon fishing worker" means a worker in the salmon industry
30 affected by 1994 or future salmon disasters. The workers included
31 within this definition shall be determined by the employment security
32 department, but shall include workers employed in the industries
33 involved in the commercial and recreational harvesting of salmon
34 including buying and processing salmon. The commissioner may adopt
35 rules further interpreting these definitions.

36 **Sec. 12.** RCW 43.63A.600 and 1994 c 114 s 1 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 (1) The department of community, trade, and economic development,
2 as a member of the agency ((timber)) rural community assistance task
3 force (~~and in consultation with the economic recovery coordination~~
4 ~~board,~~) shall establish and administer the emergency mortgage and
5 rental assistance program. The department shall identify the
6 communities most adversely affected by reductions in timber and salmon
7 harvest levels and shall prioritize assistance under this program to
8 these communities. The department shall work with the department of
9 social and health services and the ((timber)) rural community
10 assistance recovery coordinator to develop the program in ((timber))
11 rural natural resources impact areas. Organizations eligible to
12 receive grant funds for distribution under the program are those
13 organizations that are eligible to receive assistance through the
14 Washington housing trust fund. The department shall disburse the funds
15 to eligible local organizations as grants. The local organizations
16 shall use the funds to make grants or loans as specified in RCW
17 43.63A.600 through 43.63A.640. If funds are disbursed as loans, the
18 local organization shall establish a revolving grant and loan fund with
19 funds received as loan repayments and shall continue to make grants or
20 loans or both grants and loans from funds received as loan repayments
21 to dislocated forest products and dislocated salmon fishing workers
22 eligible under the provisions of RCW 43.63A.600 through 43.63A.640 and
23 to other persons residing in ((timber)) rural natural resources impact
24 areas who meet the requirements of RCW 43.63A.600 through 43.63A.640.

25 (2) The goals of the program are to:

26 (a) Provide temporary emergency mortgage loans or rental assistance
27 grants or loans on behalf of dislocated forest products and dislocated
28 salmon fishing workers in ((timber)) rural natural resources impact
29 areas who are unable to make mortgage, property tax, or rental payments
30 on their permanent residences and are subject to immediate eviction for
31 nonpayment of mortgage installments, property taxes, or nonpayment of
32 rent;

33 (b) Prevent the dislocation of individuals and families from their
34 permanent residences and their communities; and

35 (c) Maintain economic and social stability in ((timber)) rural
36 natural resources impact areas.

37 **Sec. 13.** RCW 43.63A.440 and 1993 c 280 s 74 are each amended to
38 read as follows:

1 (~~(1)~~) The department of community, trade, and economic
2 development shall provide technical and financial assistance to
3 communities adversely impacted by reductions in timber harvested from
4 federal, state, and private lands and reduction of salmon fishing
5 caused by efforts to maintain the long-term viability of salmon stocks.
6 This assistance shall include the formation and implementation of
7 community economic development plans. The department of community,
8 trade, and economic development shall utilize existing state technical
9 and financial assistance programs, and shall aid communities in seeking
10 private and federal financial assistance for the purposes of this
11 section. The department may contract for services provided for under
12 this section.

13 (~~(2) The sum of four hundred fifty thousand dollars, or as much~~
14 ~~thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund to~~
15 ~~the department of community, trade, and economic development for the~~
16 ~~biennium ending June 30, 1991, for the purposes of subsection (1) of~~
17 ~~this section.))~~

18 **Sec. 14.** RCW 43.160.020 and 1993 c 320 s 1 and 1993 c 280 s 55 are
19 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

20 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
21 this section apply throughout this chapter.

22 (1) "Board" means the community economic revitalization board.

23 (2) "Bond" means any bond, note, debenture, interim certificate, or
24 other evidence of financial indebtedness issued by the board pursuant
25 to this chapter.

26 (3) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
27 economic development.

28 (4) "Financial institution" means any bank, savings and loan
29 association, credit union, development credit corporation, insurance
30 company, investment company, trust company, savings institution, or
31 other financial institution approved by the board and maintaining an
32 office in the state.

33 (5) "Industrial development facilities" means "industrial
34 development facilities" as defined in RCW 39.84.020.

35 (6) "Industrial development revenue bonds" means tax-exempt revenue
36 bonds used to fund industrial development facilities.

37 (7) "Local government" or "political subdivision" means any port
38 district, county, city, town, or special utility district.

1 (8) "Sponsor" means any of the following entities which customarily
2 provide service or otherwise aid in industrial or other financing and
3 are approved as a sponsor by the board: A bank, trust company, savings
4 bank, investment bank, national banking association, savings and loan
5 association, building and loan association, credit union, insurance
6 company, or any other financial institution, governmental agency, or
7 holding company of any entity specified in this subsection.

8 (9) "Umbrella bonds" means industrial development revenue bonds
9 from which the proceeds are loaned, transferred, or otherwise made
10 available to two or more users under this chapter.

11 (10) "User" means one or more persons acting as lessee, purchaser,
12 mortgagor, or borrower under a financing document and receiving or
13 applying to receive revenues from bonds issued under this chapter.

14 (11) "~~((Timber))~~ Rural natural resources impact area" means:

15 (a) ~~((A county having a population of less than five hundred
16 thousand, or a city or town located within a county having a population
17 of less than five hundred thousand, and meeting two of the following
18 three criteria, as determined by the employment security department,
19 for the most recent year such data is available: (i) A lumber and wood
20 products employment location quotient at or above the state average;
21 (ii) projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses of
22 one hundred positions or more, except counties having a population
23 greater than two hundred thousand but less than five hundred thousand
24 must have direct lumber and wood products job losses of one thousand
25 positions or more; or (iii) an annual unemployment rate twenty percent
26 or more above the state average))~~ A nonmetropolitan county, as defined
27 by the 1990 decennial census, that meets two of the five criteria set
28 forth in subsection (12) of this section; or

29 (b) A nonurbanized area, as defined by the 1990 decennial census,
30 that is located in a metropolitan county that meets two of the five
31 criteria set forth in subsection (12) of this section.

32 ~~((b) Additional communities as the economic recovery coordinating
33 board, established in RCW 43.31.631, designates based on a finding by
34 the board that each designated community is socially and economically
35 integrated with areas that meet the definition of a timber impact area
36 under (a) of this subsection.))~~

37 (12) For the purposes of designating rural natural resources impact
38 areas, the following criteria shall be considered:

1 (a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or
2 above the state average;
3 (b) A commercial salmon fishing employment location quotient at or
4 above the state average;
5 (c) Projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses
6 of one hundred positions or more;
7 (d) Projected or actual direct commercial salmon fishing job losses
8 of one hundred positions or more; and
9 (e) An unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state
10 average. The counties that meet these criteria shall be determined by
11 the employment security department for the most recent year for which
12 data is available. For the purposes of administration of programs
13 under this chapter, the United States post office five-digit zip code
14 delivery areas will be used to determine residence status for
15 eligibility purposes. For the purpose of this definition, a zip code
16 delivery area that is located wholly or partially in an urbanized area
17 or within two miles of an urbanized area is considered urbanized. The
18 office of financial management shall make available a zip code listing
19 of the areas to all agencies and organizations providing services under
20 this chapter.

21 **Sec. 15.** RCW 43.160.076 and 1993 c 320 s 5 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) Except as authorized to the contrary under subsection (2) of
24 this section, from all funds available to the board for loans and
25 grants in a biennium, the board shall spend at least fifty percent for
26 grants and loans for projects in distressed counties or (~~(timber))~~
27 rural natural resources impact areas. For purposes of this section,
28 the term "distressed counties" includes any county, in which the
29 average level of unemployment for the three years before the year in
30 which an application for a loan or grant is filed, exceeds the average
31 state employment for those years by twenty percent.

32 (2) If at any time during the last six months of a biennium the
33 board finds that the actual and anticipated applications for qualified
34 projects in distressed counties or (~~(timber))~~ rural natural resources
35 impact areas are clearly insufficient to use up the fifty percent
36 allocation, then the board shall estimate the amount of the
37 insufficiency and during the remainder of the biennium may use that
38 amount of the allocation for loans and grants for projects not located

1 in distressed counties or ((timber)) rural natural resources impact
2 areas.

3 **Sec. 16.** RCW 43.160.200 and 1993 c 320 s 7 and 1993 c 316 s 4 are
4 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The economic development account is created within the public
6 facilities construction loan revolving fund under RCW 43.160.080.
7 Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
8 Expenditures from the account may be used only for the purposes of RCW
9 43.160.010(4) and this section. The account is subject to allotment
10 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW.

11 (2) Applications under this section for assistance from the
12 economic development account are subject to all of the applicable
13 criteria set forth under this chapter, as well as procedures and
14 criteria established by the board, except as otherwise provided.

15 (3) Eligible applicants under this section are limited to political
16 subdivisions of the state in ((timber)) rural natural resources impact
17 areas that demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the board, the local
18 economy's dependence on the forest products ((industry)) and salmon
19 fishing industries.

20 (4) Applicants must demonstrate that their request is part of an
21 economic development plan consistent with applicable state planning
22 requirements. Applicants must demonstrate that tourism projects have
23 been approved by the local government. Industrial projects must be
24 approved by the local government and the associate development
25 organization.

26 (5) Publicly owned projects may be financed under this section upon
27 proof by the applicant that the public project is a necessary component
28 of, or constitutes in whole, a tourism project.

29 (6) Applications must demonstrate local match and participation.
30 Such match may include: Land donation, other public or private funds
31 or both, or other means of local commitment to the project.

32 (7) Board financing for feasibility studies shall not exceed
33 twenty-five thousand dollars per study. Board funds for feasibility
34 studies may be provided as a grant and require a dollar for dollar
35 match with up to one-half in-kind match allowed.

36 (8) Board financing for tourism projects shall not exceed two
37 hundred fifty thousand dollars. Other public facility projects under
38 this section shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars. Loans

1 with flexible terms and conditions to meet the needs of the applicants
2 shall be provided. Grants may also be authorized, but only when, and
3 to the extent that, a loan is not reasonably possible, given the
4 limited resources of the political subdivision.

5 (9) The board shall develop guidelines for allowable local match
6 and feasibility studies.

7 (10) Applications under this section need not demonstrate evidence
8 that specific private development or expansion is ready to occur or
9 will occur if funds are provided.

10 (11) The board shall establish guidelines for making grants and
11 loans under this section to ensure that the requirements of this
12 chapter are complied with. The guidelines shall include:

13 (a) A process to equitably compare and evaluate applications from
14 competing communities.

15 (b) Criteria to ensure that approved projects will have a high
16 probability of success and are likely to provide long-term economic
17 benefits to the community. The criteria shall include: (i) A minimum
18 amount of local participation, determined by the board per application,
19 to verify community support for the project; (ii) an analysis that
20 establishes the project is feasible using standard economic principles;
21 and (iii) an explanation from the applicant regarding how the project
22 is consistent with the communities' economic strategy and goals.

23 (c) A method of evaluating the impact of the loans or grants on the
24 economy of the community and whether the loans or grants achieved their
25 purpose.

26 (12) Cities and counties otherwise eligible under and in compliance
27 with this section are authorized to use the loans or grants for
28 buildings and structures.

29 **Sec. 17.** RCW 28B.50.030 and 1992 c 21 s 5 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the
32 term:

33 (1) "System" shall mean the state system of community and technical
34 colleges, which shall be a system of higher education.

35 (2) "Board" shall mean the work force training and education
36 coordinating board.

37 (3) "College board" shall mean the state board for community and
38 technical colleges created by this chapter.

1 (4) "Director" shall mean the administrative director for the state
2 system of community and technical colleges.

3 (5) "District" shall mean any one of the community and technical
4 college districts created by this chapter.

5 (6) "Board of trustees" shall mean the local community and
6 technical college board of trustees established for each college
7 district within the state.

8 (7) "Occupational education" shall mean that education or training
9 that will prepare a student for employment that does not require a
10 baccalaureate degree.

11 (8) "K-12 system" shall mean the public school program including
12 kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

13 (9) "Common school board" shall mean a public school district board
14 of directors.

15 (10) "Community college" shall include those higher education
16 institutions that conduct education programs under RCW 28B.50.020.

17 (11) "Technical college" shall include those higher education
18 institutions with the sole mission of conducting occupational
19 education, basic skills, literacy programs, and offering on short
20 notice, when appropriate, programs that meet specific industry needs.
21 The programs of technical colleges shall include, but not be limited
22 to, continuous enrollment, competency-based instruction, industry-
23 experienced faculty, curriculum integrating vocational and basic skills
24 education, and curriculum approved by representatives of employers and
25 labor. For purposes of this chapter, technical colleges shall include
26 Lake Washington Vocational-Technical Institute, Renton Vocational-
27 Technical Institute, Bates Vocational-Technical Institute, Clover Park
28 Vocational Institute, and Bellingham Vocational-Technical Institute.

29 (12) "Adult education" shall mean all education or instruction,
30 including academic, vocational education or training, basic skills and
31 literacy training, and "occupational education" provided by public
32 educational institutions, including common school districts for persons
33 who are eighteen years of age and over or who hold a high school
34 diploma or certificate. However, "adult education" shall not include
35 academic education or instruction for persons under twenty-one years of
36 age who do not hold a high school degree or diploma and who are
37 attending a public high school for the sole purpose of obtaining a high
38 school diploma or certificate, nor shall "adult education" include

1 education or instruction provided by any four year public institution
2 of higher education.

3 (13) "Dislocated forest product worker" shall mean a forest
4 products worker who: (a)(i) Has been terminated or received notice of
5 termination from employment and is unlikely to return to employment in
6 the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of
7 a diminishing demand for his or her skills in that occupation or
8 industry; or (ii) is self-employed and has been displaced from his or
9 her business because of the diminishing demand for the business's
10 services or goods; and (b) at the time of last separation from
11 employment, resided in or was employed in a (~~timber~~) rural natural
12 resources impact area.

13 (14) "Forest products worker" shall mean a worker in the forest
14 products industries affected by the reduction of forest fiber
15 enhancement, transportation, or production. The workers included
16 within this definition shall be determined by the employment security
17 department, but shall include workers employed in the industries
18 assigned the major group standard industrial classification codes "24"
19 and "26" and the industries involved in the harvesting and management
20 of logs, transportation of logs and wood products, processing of wood
21 products, and the manufacturing and distribution of wood processing and
22 logging equipment. The commissioner may adopt rules further
23 interpreting these definitions. For the purposes of this subsection,
24 "standard industrial classification code" means the code identified in
25 RCW 50.29.025(6)(c).

26 (15) "Dislocated salmon fishing worker" means a salmon products
27 worker who: (a)(i) Has been terminated or received notice of
28 termination from employment and is unlikely to return to employment in
29 the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of
30 a diminishing demand for his or her skills in that occupation or
31 industry; or (ii) is self-employed and has been displaced from his or
32 her business because of the diminishing demand for the business's
33 services or goods; and (b) at the time of last separation from
34 employment, resided in or was employed in a rural natural resources
35 impact area.

36 (16) "Salmon fishing worker" means a worker in the salmon industry
37 affected by 1994 or future salmon disasters. The workers included
38 within this definition shall be determined by the employment security
39 department, but shall include workers employed in the industries

1 involved in the commercial and recreational harvesting of salmon
2 including buying and processing salmon. The commissioner may adopt
3 rules further interpreting these definitions.

4 (17) "~~(Timber)~~ Rural natural resources impact area" ~~((shall))~~
5 means:

6 (a) ~~((A county having a population of less than five hundred~~
7 ~~thousand, or a city or town located within a county having a population~~
8 ~~of less than five hundred thousand, and meeting two of the following~~
9 ~~three criteria, as determined by the employment security department,~~
10 ~~for the most recent year such data is available: (i) A lumber and wood~~
11 ~~products employment location quotient at or above the state average;~~
12 ~~(ii) projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses of~~
13 ~~one hundred positions or more, except counties having a population~~
14 ~~greater than two hundred thousand but less than five hundred thousand~~
15 ~~must have direct lumber and wood products job losses of one thousand~~
16 ~~positions or more; or (iii) an annual unemployment rate twenty percent~~
17 ~~or more above the state average)) A nonmetropolitan county, as defined~~
18 ~~by the 1990 decennial census, that meets two of the five criteria set~~
19 ~~forth in subsection (18) of this section; or~~

20 (b) A nonurbanized area, as defined by the 1990 decennial census,
21 that is located in a metropolitan county that meets two of the five
22 criteria set forth in subsection (18) of this section.

23 ~~((b) Additional communities as the economic recovery coordinating~~
24 ~~board, established in RCW 43.31.631, designates based on a finding by~~
25 ~~the board that each designated community is socially and economically~~
26 ~~integrated with areas that meet the definition of a timber impact area~~
27 ~~under (a) of this subsection.))~~

28 (18) For the purposes of designating rural natural resources impact
29 areas, the following criteria shall be considered:

30 (a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or
31 above the state average;

32 (b) A commercial salmon fishing employment location quotient at or
33 above the state average;

34 (c) Projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses
35 of one hundred positions or more;

36 (d) Projected or actual direct commercial salmon fishing job losses
37 of one hundred positions or more; and

38 (e) An unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state
39 average. The counties that meet these criteria shall be determined by

1 the employment security department for the most recent year for which
2 data is available. For the purposes of administration of programs
3 under this chapter, the United States post office five-digit zip code
4 delivery areas will be used to determine residence status for
5 eligibility purposes. For the purpose of this definition, a zip code
6 delivery area that is located wholly or partially in an urbanized area
7 or within two miles of an urbanized area is considered urbanized. The
8 office of financial management shall make available a zip code listing
9 of the areas to all agencies and organizations providing services under
10 this chapter.

11 **Sec. 18.** RCW 28B.50.258 and 1991 c 315 s 16 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 To the extent that funds are specifically appropriated therefor,
14 the state board for community and technical colleges (~~(education)~~)
15 shall provide training and retraining in (~~(timber)~~) rural natural
16 resources impact areas as follows:

17 (1) Disbursement of funds to individual community colleges for
18 supplemental slots in cases where enrollment demand exceeds allocation;

19 (2) Pilot projects for innovative approaches to literacy and
20 employment training. Pilot projects may include, but are not limited
21 to:

22 (a) Training for cranberry industry research, coordinated by the
23 Washington State University coastal research unit, Long Beach;

24 (b) Training through Grays Harbor Community College for dislocated
25 forest products workers to fill positions as safety training and vessel
26 inspectors. They shall contract with those organizations deemed
27 appropriate to carry out this program;

28 (c) Training through Skagit Valley Community College for dislocated
29 forest products workers in natural resources technical programs in
30 stream enhancement, including waters upstream or downstream as well as
31 adjacent to state lands; water quality enhancement; irrigation repair;
32 and the building of shellfish beds;

33 (d) Training for agricultural development, diversification,
34 marketing, and processing programs in (~~(timber)~~) rural natural
35 resources impact areas.

36 Nothing in subsection (2) of this section shall be construed to
37 provide priority for the projects listed in subsection (2) of this
38 section.

1 For the purposes of this section, the number of full-time
2 equivalent students to be served during any biennium shall be
3 determined by the applicable omnibus appropriations act and shall be in
4 addition to the community college enrollment level funded by the
5 applicable omnibus appropriations act.

6 **Sec. 19.** RCW 28B.50.262 and 1994 c 282 s 3 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 The state board for community and technical colleges shall develop,
9 in conjunction with the center for international trade in forest
10 products, the Washington State University wood materials and
11 engineering laboratory, and the department of community, trade, and
12 economic development, a competency-based technical degree program in
13 wood product manufacturing and wood technology and make it available in
14 every college district that serves a (~~(timber)~~) rural natural resources
15 impact area.

16 **Sec. 20.** RCW 28B.80.570 and 1992 c 21 s 6 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
19 this section apply throughout RCW 28B.80.575 through 28B.80.585.

20 (1) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

21 (2) "Dislocated forest products worker" means a forest products
22 worker who: (a)(i) Has been terminated or received notice of
23 termination from employment and is unlikely to return to employment in
24 the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of
25 a diminishing demand for his or her skills in that occupation or
26 industry; or (ii) is self-employed and has been displaced from his or
27 her business because of the diminishing demand for the business's
28 services or goods; and (b) at the time of last separation from
29 employment, resided in or was employed in a (~~(timber)~~) rural natural
30 resources impact area.

31 (3) "Forest products worker" means a worker in the forest products
32 industries affected by the reduction of forest fiber enhancement,
33 transportation, or production. The workers included within this
34 definition shall be determined by the employment security department,
35 but shall include workers employed in the industries assigned the major
36 group standard industrial classification codes "24" and "26" and the
37 industries involved in the harvesting and management of logs,

1 transportation of logs and wood products, processing of wood products,
2 and the manufacturing and distribution of wood processing and logging
3 equipment. The commissioner may adopt rules further interpreting these
4 definitions. For the purposes of this subsection, "standard industrial
5 classification code" means the code identified in RCW 50.29.025(6)(c).

6 (4) "Dislocated salmon fishing worker" means a salmon products
7 worker who: (a)(i) Has been terminated or received notice of
8 termination from employment and is unlikely to return to employment in
9 the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of
10 a diminishing demand for his or her skills in that occupation or
11 industry; or (ii) is self-employed and has been displaced from his or
12 her business because of the diminishing demand for the business's
13 services or goods; and (b) at the time of last separation from
14 employment, resided in or was employed in a rural natural resources
15 impact area.

16 (5) "Salmon fishing worker" means a worker in the salmon industry
17 affected by 1994 or future salmon disasters. The workers included
18 within this definition shall be determined by the employment security
19 department, but shall include workers employed in the industries
20 involved in the commercial and recreational harvesting of salmon
21 including buying and processing salmon. The commissioner may adopt
22 rules further interpreting these definitions.

23 (6) "((Timber)) Rural natural resources impact area" means:

24 (a) ~~((A county having a population of less than five hundred~~
25 ~~thousand, or a city or town located within a county having a population~~
26 ~~of less than five hundred thousand, and meeting two of the following~~
27 ~~three criteria, as determined by the employment security department,~~
28 ~~for the most recent year such data is available: (i) A lumber and wood~~
29 ~~products employment location quotient at or above the state average;~~
30 ~~(ii) projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses of~~
31 ~~one hundred positions or more, except counties having a population~~
32 ~~greater than two hundred thousand but less than five hundred thousand~~
33 ~~must have direct lumber and wood products job losses of one thousand~~
34 ~~positions or more; or (iii) an annual unemployment rate twenty percent~~
35 ~~or more above the state average)) A nonmetropolitan county, as defined~~
36 ~~by the 1990 decennial census, that meets two of the five criteria set~~
37 ~~forth in subsection (7) of this section; or~~

1 (b) A nonurbanized area, as defined by the 1990 decennial census,
2 that is located in a metropolitan county that meets two of the five
3 criteria set forth in subsection (7) of this section.

4 ~~((b) Additional communities as the economic recovery coordinating~~
5 ~~board, established in RCW 43.31.631, designates based on a finding by~~
6 ~~the board that each designated community is socially and economically~~
7 ~~integrated with areas that meet the definition of a timber impact area~~
8 ~~under (a) of this subsection.))~~

9 (7) For the purposes of designating rural natural resources impact
10 areas, the following criteria shall be considered:

11 (a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or
12 above the state average;

13 (b) A commercial salmon fishing employment location quotient at or
14 above the state average;

15 (c) Projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses
16 of one hundred positions or more;

17 (d) Projected or actual direct commercial salmon fishing job losses
18 of one hundred positions or more; and

19 (e) An unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state
20 average. The counties that meet these criteria shall be determined by
21 the employment security department for the most recent year for which
22 data is available. For the purposes of administration of programs
23 under this chapter, the United States post office five-digit zip code
24 delivery areas will be used to determine residence status for
25 eligibility purposes. For the purpose of this definition, a zip code
26 delivery area that is located wholly or partially in an urbanized area
27 or within two miles of an urbanized area is considered urbanized. The
28 office of financial management shall make available a zip code listing
29 of the areas to all agencies and organizations providing services under
30 this chapter.

31 **Sec. 21.** RCW 28B.80.575 and 1991 c 315 s 19 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 The board shall administer a program designed to provide upper
34 division higher education opportunities to dislocated forest products
35 workers, their spouses, and others in ~~((timber))~~ rural natural
36 resources impact areas. In administering the program, the board shall
37 have the following powers and duties:

1 (1) Distribute funding for institutions of higher education to
2 service placebound students in the (~~(timber)~~) rural natural resources
3 impact areas meeting the following criteria, as determined by the
4 employment security department: (a) A lumber and wood products
5 employment location quotient at or above the state average; (b) a
6 commercial salmon fishing employment location quotient at or above the
7 state average; (c) a direct lumber and wood products job loss of one
8 hundred positions or more; (~~(and-(e))~~) (d) projected or actual direct
9 commercial salmon fishing job losses of one hundred positions or more;
10 and (e) an annual unemployment rate twenty percent above the state
11 average;

12 (2) Appoint an advisory committee to assist the board in program
13 design and future project selection;

14 (3) Monitor the program and report on student progress and outcome;
15 and

16 (4) Report to the legislature by December 1, 1993, on the status of
17 the program.

18 **Sec. 22.** RCW 28B.80.580 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 34 are each amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) The board shall contract with institutions of higher education
21 to provide upper division classes to serve additional placebound
22 students in the (~~(timber)~~) rural natural resources impact areas meeting
23 the following criteria, as determined by the employment security
24 department: (a) A lumber and wood products employment location
25 quotient at or above the state average; (b) a commercial salmon fishing
26 employment location quotient at or above the state average; (c) a
27 direct lumber and wood products job loss of one hundred positions or
28 more; (~~(and-(e))~~) (d) projected or actual direct commercial salmon
29 fishing job losses of one hundred positions or more; and (e) an annual
30 unemployment rate twenty percent above the state average; and which are
31 not served by an existing state-funded upper division degree program.
32 The number of full-time equivalent students served in this manner shall
33 be determined by the applicable omnibus appropriations act. The board
34 may direct that all the full-time equivalent enrollments be served in
35 one of the eligible (~~(timber)~~) rural natural resources impact areas if
36 it should determine that this would be the most viable manner of
37 establishing the program and using available resources. The
38 institutions shall utilize telecommunication technology, if available,

1 to carry out the purposes of this section. Subject to the limitations
2 of RCW 28B.15.910, the institutions providing the service may waive all
3 or a portion of the tuition, and service and activities fees for
4 dislocated forest products workers or their unemployed spouses enrolled
5 as one of the full-time equivalent students allocated to the college
6 under this section.

7 (2) Unemployed spouses of eligible dislocated forest products
8 workers may participate in the program, but tuition and fees may be
9 waived under the program only for the worker or the spouse and not
10 both.

11 (3) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, for any eligible
12 participant, all or a portion of tuition may be waived for a maximum of
13 four semesters or six quarters within a two-year time period. The
14 participant must be enrolled for a minimum of ten credits per semester
15 or quarter.

16 **Sec. 23.** RCW 28B.80.585 and 1991 c 315 s 21 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Dislocated forest products and salmon products workers and their
19 spouses shall receive priority for attendance in upper division courses
20 allocated under RCW 28B.80.580. Remaining allocations may be
21 distributed to others in the ((timber)) rural natural resources impact
22 area.

23 **Sec. 24.** RCW 43.17.065 and 1993 c 280 s 37 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) Where power is vested in a department to issue permits,
26 licenses, certifications, contracts, grants, or otherwise authorize
27 action on the part of individuals, businesses, local governments, or
28 public or private organizations, such power shall be exercised in an
29 expeditious manner. All departments with such power shall cooperate
30 with officials of the business assistance center of the department of
31 community, trade, and economic development, and any other state
32 officials, when such officials request timely action on the part of the
33 issuing department.

34 (2) After August 1, 1991, any agency to which subsection (1) of
35 this section applies shall, with regard to any permits or other actions
36 that are necessary for economic development in ((timber)) rural natural
37 resources impact areas, as defined in RCW 43.31.601, respond to any

1 completed application within forty-five days of its receipt; any
2 response, at a minimum, shall include:

3 (a) The specific steps that the applicant needs to take in order to
4 have the application approved; and

5 (b) The assistance that will be made available to the applicant by
6 the agency to expedite the application process.

7 (3) The agency (~~(timber)~~) rural community assistance task force
8 established in RCW 43.31.621 shall oversee implementation of this
9 section.

10 (4) Each agency shall define what constitutes a completed
11 application and make this definition available to applicants.

12 **Sec. 25.** RCW 43.20A.750 and 1993 c 280 s 38 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) The department of social and health services shall help
15 families and workers in (~~(timber)~~) rural natural resources impact areas
16 make the transition through economic difficulties and shall provide
17 services to assist workers to gain marketable skills. The department,
18 as a member of the agency (~~(timber)~~) rural community assistance task
19 force (~~(and in consultation with the economic recovery coordination~~
20 ~~board,))~~ and, where appropriate, under an interagency agreement with
21 the department of community, trade, and economic development, shall
22 provide grants through the office of the secretary for services to the
23 unemployed in (~~(timber)~~) rural natural resources impact areas,
24 including providing direct or referral services, establishing and
25 operating service delivery programs, and coordinating delivery programs
26 and delivery of services. These grants may be awarded for family
27 support centers, reemployment centers, or other local service agencies.

28 (2) The services provided through the grants may include, but need
29 not be limited to: Credit counseling; social services including
30 marital counseling; psychotherapy or psychological counseling; mortgage
31 foreclosures and utilities problems counseling; drug and alcohol abuse
32 services; medical services; and residential heating and food
33 acquisition.

34 (3) Funding for these services shall be coordinated through the
35 (~~(economic recovery coordination board)~~) agency rural community
36 assistance task force which will establish a fund to provide child care
37 assistance, mortgage assistance, and counseling which cannot be met

1 through current programs. No funds shall be used for additional full-
2 time equivalents for administering this section.

3 (4)(a) Grants for family support centers are intended to provide
4 support to families by responding to needs identified by the families
5 and communities served by the centers. Services provided by family
6 support centers may include parenting education, child development
7 assessments, health and nutrition education, counseling, and
8 information and referral services. Such services may be provided
9 directly by the center or through referral to other agencies
10 participating in the interagency team.

11 (b) The department shall consult with the council on child abuse or
12 neglect regarding grants for family support centers.

13 (5) "~~((Timber))~~ Rural natural resources impact area" means:

14 (a) ~~((A county having a population of less than five hundred
15 thousand, or a city or town located within a county having a population
16 of less than five hundred thousand, and meeting two of the following
17 three criteria, as determined by the employment security department,
18 for the most recent year such data is available: (i) A lumber and wood
19 products employment location quotient at or above the state average;
20 (ii) projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses of
21 one hundred positions or more, except counties having a population
22 greater than two hundred thousand but less than five hundred thousand
23 must have direct lumber and wood products job losses of one thousand
24 positions or more; or (iii) an annual unemployment rate twenty percent
25 or more above the state average))~~ A nonmetropolitan county, as defined
26 by the 1990 decennial census, that meets two of the five criteria set
27 forth in subsection (6) of this section; or

28 (b) A nonurbanized area, as defined by the 1990 decennial census,
29 that is located in a metropolitan county that meets two of the five
30 criteria set forth in subsection (6) of this section.

31 ~~((b) Additional communities as the economic recovery coordinating
32 board, established in RCW 43.31.631, designates based on a finding by
33 the board that each designated community is socially and economically
34 integrated with areas that meet the definition of a timber impact area
35 under (a) of this subsection.))~~

36 (6) For the purposes of designating rural natural resources impact
37 areas, the following criteria shall be considered:

38 (a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or
39 above the state average;

1 (b) A commercial salmon fishing employment location quotient at or
2 above the state average;

3 (c) Projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses
4 of one hundred positions or more;

5 (d) Projected or actual direct commercial salmon fishing job losses
6 of one hundred positions or more; and

7 (e) An unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state
8 average. The counties that meet these criteria shall be determined by
9 the employment security department for the most recent year for which
10 data is available. For the purposes of administration of programs
11 under this chapter, the United States post office five-digit zip code
12 delivery areas will be used to determine residence status for
13 eligibility purposes. For the purpose of this definition, a zip code
14 delivery area that is located wholly or partially in an urbanized area
15 or within two miles of an urbanized area is considered urbanized. The
16 office of financial management shall make available a zip code listing
17 of the areas to all agencies and organizations providing services under
18 this chapter.

19 **Sec. 26.** RCW 43.21J.010 and 1993 c 516 s 2 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (1) It is the intent of this chapter to provide financial resources
22 to make substantial progress toward: (a) Implementing the Puget Sound
23 water quality management plan and other watershed-based management
24 strategies and plans; (b) ameliorating degradation to watersheds; and
25 (c) keeping and creating stable, environmentally sound, good wage
26 employment in Washington state. The legislature intends that
27 employment under this chapter is not to result in the displacement or
28 partial displacement, whether by the reduction of hours of nonovertime
29 work, wages, or other employment benefits, of currently employed
30 workers, including but not limited to state civil service employees, or
31 of currently or normally contracted services.

32 (2) It is the purpose of this chapter to:

33 (a) Implement clean water, forest, and habitat restoration projects
34 that will produce measurable improvements in water and habitat quality,
35 that rate highly when existing environmental ranking systems are
36 applied, and that provide economic stability.

1 (b) Facilitate the coordination and consistency of federal, state,
2 tribal, local, and private water and habitat protection and enhancement
3 programs in the state's watersheds.

4 (c) Fund necessary projects for which a public planning process has
5 been completed.

6 (d) Provide immediate funding to create jobs and training for
7 environmental restoration and enhancement jobs for unemployed workers
8 and displaced workers in impact areas, especially ((timber-dependent))
9 rural natural resources-dependent communities.

10 (3) For purposes of this chapter "impact areas" means: (a)
11 Distressed counties as defined in RCW 43.165.010(3)(a); (b) subcounty
12 areas in those counties not covered under (a) of this subsection that
13 are ((timber)) rural natural resources impact areas as defined in RCW
14 43.31.601; (c) urban subcounty areas as defined in RCW
15 43.165.010(3)(c); and (d) areas that the task force determines are
16 likely to experience dislocations in the near future from downturns in
17 natural resource-based industries.

18 (4) For purposes of this chapter, "high-risk youth" means youth
19 eligible for Washington conservation corps programs under chapter
20 43.220 RCW or Washington service corps programs under chapter 50.65
21 RCW.

22 (5) For purposes of this chapter, "dislocated forest products
23 worker" has the meaning set forth in RCW 50.70.010.

24 (6) For purposes of this chapter, "task force" means the
25 environmental enhancement and job creation task force created under RCW
26 43.21J.030.

27 **Sec. 27.** RCW 43.168.020 and 1993 c 280 s 56 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
30 this section apply throughout this chapter.

31 (1) "Committee" means the Washington state development loan fund
32 committee.

33 (2) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
34 economic development.

35 (3) "Director" means the director of community, trade, and economic
36 development.

37 (4) "Distressed area" means: (a) A county which has an
38 unemployment rate which is twenty percent above the state average for

1 the immediately previous three years; (b) a metropolitan statistical
2 area, as defined by the office of federal statistical policy and
3 standards, United States department of commerce, in which the average
4 level of unemployment for the calendar year immediately preceding the
5 year in which an application is filed under this chapter exceeds the
6 average state unemployment for such calendar year by twenty percent.
7 Applications under this subsection (4)(b) shall be filed by April 30,
8 1989; (c) an area within a county, which area: (i) Is composed of
9 contiguous census tracts; (ii) has a minimum population of five
10 thousand persons; (iii) has at least seventy percent of its families
11 and unrelated individuals with incomes below eighty percent of the
12 county's median income for families and unrelated individuals; and (iv)
13 has an unemployment rate which is at least forty percent higher than
14 the county's unemployment rate; or (d) a county designated as a
15 ((timber)) rural natural resources impact area under RCW 43.31.601 if
16 an application is filed by July 1, 1993. For purposes of this
17 definition, "families and unrelated individuals" has the same meaning
18 that is ascribed to that term by the federal department of housing and
19 urban development in its regulations authorizing action grants for
20 economic development and neighborhood revitalization projects.

21 (5) "Fund" means the Washington state development loan fund.

22 (6) "Local development organization" means a nonprofit organization
23 which is organized to operate within an area, demonstrates a commitment
24 to a long-standing effort for an economic development program, and
25 makes a demonstrable effort to assist in the employment of unemployed
26 or underemployed residents in an area.

27 (7) "Project" means the establishment of a new or expanded business
28 in an area which when completed will provide employment opportunities.
29 "Project" also means the retention of an existing business in an area
30 which when completed will provide employment opportunities.

31 **Sec. 28.** RCW 43.168.140 and 1991 c 314 s 20 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 Any funds appropriated by the legislature to the development loan
34 fund for purposes of the timber recovery act shall be used for
35 development loans in ((timber)) rural natural resources impact areas as
36 defined in RCW 43.31.601.

1 **Sec. 29.** RCW 43.210.110 and 1994 c 284 s 7 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The small business export finance assistance center has the
4 following powers and duties when exercising its authority under RCW
5 43.210.100(3):

6 (a) Solicit and accept grants, contributions, and any other
7 financial assistance from the federal government, federal agencies, and
8 any other public or private sources to carry out its purposes;

9 (b) Offer comprehensive export assistance and counseling to
10 manufacturers relatively new to exporting with gross annual revenues
11 less than twenty-five million dollars. As close to seventy-five
12 percent as possible of each year's new cadre of clients must have gross
13 annual revenues of less than five million dollars at the time of their
14 initial contract. At least fifty percent of each year's new cadre of
15 clients shall be from ((timber)) rural natural resources impact areas
16 as defined in RCW 43.31.601. Counseling may include, but not be
17 limited to, helping clients obtain debt or equity financing, in
18 constructing competent proposals, and assessing federal guarantee and/
19 or insurance programs that underwrite exporting risk; assisting clients
20 in evaluating their international marketplace by developing marketing
21 materials, assessing and selecting targeted markets; assisting firms in
22 finding foreign customers by conducting foreign market research,
23 evaluating distribution systems, selecting and assisting in
24 identification of and/or negotiations with foreign agents,
25 distributors, retailers, and by promoting products through attending
26 trade shows abroad; advising companies on their products, guarantees,
27 and after sales service requirements necessary to compete effectively
28 in a foreign market; designing a competitive strategy for a firm's
29 products in targeted markets and methods of minimizing their commercial
30 and political risks; securing for clients specific assistance as
31 needed, outside the center's field of expertise, by referrals to other
32 public or private organizations. The Pacific Northwest export
33 assistance project shall focus its efforts on facilitating export
34 transactions for its clients, and in doing so, provide such technical
35 services as are appropriate to accomplish its mission either with staff
36 or outside consultants;

37 (c) Sign three-year counseling agreements with its clients that
38 provide for termination if adequate funding for the Pacific Northwest
39 export assistance project is not provided in future appropriations.

1 Counseling agreements shall not be renewed unless there are compelling
2 reasons to do so, and under no circumstances shall they be renewed for
3 more than two additional years. A counseling agreement may not be
4 renewed more than once. The counseling agreements shall have mutual
5 performance clauses, that if not met, will be grounds for releasing
6 each party, without penalty, from the provisions of the agreement.
7 Clients shall be immediately released from a counseling agreement with
8 the Pacific Northwest export assistance project, without penalty, if a
9 client wishes to switch to a private export management service and
10 produces a valid contract signed with a private export management
11 service, or if the president of the small business export finance
12 assistance center determines there are compelling reasons to release a
13 client from the provisions of the counseling agreement;

14 (d) May contract with private or public international trade
15 education services to provide Pacific Northwest export assistance
16 project clients with training in international business. The president
17 and board of directors shall decide the amount of funding allocated for
18 educational services based on the availability of resources in the
19 operating budget of the Pacific Northwest export assistance project;

20 (e) May contract with the Washington state international trade fair
21 to provide services for Pacific Northwest export assistance project
22 clients to participate in one trade show annually. The president and
23 board of directors shall decide the amount of funding allocated for
24 trade fair assistance based on the availability of resources in the
25 operating budget of the Pacific Northwest export assistance project;

26 (f) Provide biennial assessments of its performance. Project
27 personnel shall work with the department of revenue and employment
28 security department to confidentially track the performance of the
29 project's clients in increasing tax revenues to the state, increasing
30 gross sales revenues and volume of products destined to foreign
31 clients, and in creating new jobs for Washington citizens. A biennial
32 report shall be prepared for the governor and legislature to assess the
33 costs and benefits to the state from creating the project. The
34 president of the small business export finance assistance center shall
35 design an appropriate methodology for biennial assessments in
36 consultation with the director of community, trade, and economic
37 development and the director of the Washington state department of
38 agriculture. The department of revenue and the employment security
39 department shall provide data necessary to complete this biennial

1 evaluation, if the data being requested is available from existing data
2 bases. Client-specific information generated from the files of the
3 department of revenue and the employment security department for the
4 purposes of this evaluation shall be kept strictly confidential by each
5 department and the small business export finance assistance center;

6 (g) Take whatever action may be necessary to accomplish the
7 purposes set forth in RCW 43.210.070 and 43.210.100 through 43.210.120;
8 and

9 (h) Limit its assistance to promoting the exportation of value-
10 added manufactured goods. The project shall not provide counseling or
11 assistance, under any circumstances, for the importation of foreign
12 made goods into the United States.

13 (2) The Pacific Northwest export assistance project shall not,
14 under any circumstances, assume ownership or take title to the goods of
15 its clients.

16 (3) The Pacific Northwest export assistance project may not use any
17 Washington state funds which come from the public treasury of the state
18 of Washington to make loans or to make any payment under a loan
19 guarantee agreement. Under no circumstances may the center use any
20 funds received under RCW 43.210.050 to make or assist in making any
21 loan or to pay or assist in paying any amount under a loan guarantee
22 agreement. Debts of the center shall be center debts only and may be
23 satisfied only from the resources of the center. The state of
24 Washington shall not in any way be liable for such debts.

25 (4) The Pacific Northwest export assistance project shall make
26 every effort to seek nonstate funds to supplement its operations. The
27 small business export finance assistance center and the project are
28 authorized to charge reasonable fees for services and products provided
29 and to expend the proceeds for the particular purposes for which they
30 were collected.

31 (5) The small business export finance assistance center and its
32 Pacific Northwest export assistance project shall take whatever steps
33 are necessary to provide its services, if requested, to the states of
34 Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and the Canadian provinces of British
35 Columbia and Alberta. Interstate services shall not be provided by the
36 Pacific Northwest export assistance project during its first biennium
37 of operation. The provision of services may be temporary and subject
38 to the payment of fees, or each state may request permanent services
39 contingent upon a level of permanent funding adequate for services

1 provided. Temporary services and fees may be negotiated by the small
2 business export finance assistance center's president subject to
3 approval of the board of directors. The president of the small
4 business export finance assistance center may enter into negotiations
5 with neighboring states to contract for delivery of the project's
6 services. Final contracts for providing the project's counseling and
7 services outside of the state of Washington on a permanent basis shall
8 be subject to approval of the governor, appropriate legislative
9 oversight committees, and the small business export finance assistance
10 center's board of directors.

11 (6) The small business export finance assistance center may receive
12 such gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources as
13 may be made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, for the use and
14 benefit of the purposes of the Pacific Northwest export assistance
15 project and expend the same or any income therefrom according to the
16 terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments.

17 (7) The president of the small business export finance assistance
18 center, in consultation with the board of directors, may use the
19 following formula in determining the number of clients that can be
20 reasonably served by the Pacific Northwest export assistance project
21 relative to its appropriation. Divide the amount appropriated for
22 administration of the Pacific Northwest export assistance project by
23 the marginal cost of adding each additional Pacific Northwest export
24 assistance project client. For the purposes of this calculation, and
25 only for the first biennium of operation, the biennial marginal cost of
26 adding each additional Pacific Northwest export assistance project
27 client shall be fifty-seven thousand ninety-five dollars. The biennial
28 marginal cost of adding each additional client after the first biennium
29 of operation shall be established from the actual operating experience
30 of the Pacific Northwest export assistance project.

31 **Sec. 30.** RCW 50.12.270 and 1991 c 315 s 3 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (1) Subject to the availability of state or federal funds, the
34 employment security department, as a member of the agency ((timber))
35 rural community assistance task force ((and in consultation with the
36 ~~economic recovery coordination board~~)), shall consult with and may
37 subcontract with local educational institutions, local businesses,
38 local labor organizations, local associate development organizations,

1 local private industry councils, local social service organizations,
2 and local governments in carrying out a program of training and
3 services, including training through the ~~((self-employment and
4 enterprise development (SEED)))~~ entrepreneurial training program, for
5 dislocated workers in ~~((timber))~~ rural natural resources impact areas.

6 (2) The department shall conduct a survey to determine the actual
7 future employment needs and jobs skills in ~~((timber))~~ rural natural
8 resources impact areas.

9 (3) The department shall coordinate the services provided in this
10 section with all other services provided by the department and with the
11 other economic recovery efforts undertaken by state and local
12 government agencies on behalf of the ~~((timber))~~ rural natural resources
13 impact areas.

14 (4) The department shall make every effort to procure additional
15 federal and other moneys for the efforts enumerated in this section.

16 (5) For the purposes of this section, ~~(("timber impact area" means
17 a county having a population of less than five hundred thousand, or a
18 city or town located within a county having a population of less than
19 five hundred thousand, and meeting two of the following three criteria,
20 as determined by the employment security department, for the most
21 recent year such data is available: (a) A lumber and wood products
22 employment location quotient at or above the state average; (b)
23 projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses of one
24 hundred positions or more, except counties having a population greater
25 than two hundred thousand but less than five hundred thousand must have
26 direct lumber and wood products job losses of one thousand positions or
27 more; or (c) an annual unemployment rate twenty percent or more above
28 the state average))~~ "Rural natural resources impact area" means:

29 (a) A nonmetropolitan county, as defined by the 1990 decennial
30 census, that meets two of the five criteria set forth in subsection (6)
31 of this section; or

32 (b) A nonurbanized area, as defined by the 1990 decennial census,
33 that is located in a metropolitan county that meets two of the five
34 criteria set forth in subsection (6) of this section.

35 (6) For the purposes of designating rural natural resources impact
36 areas, the following criteria shall be considered:

37 (a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or
38 above the state average;

1 (b) A commercial salmon fishing employment location quotient at or
2 above the state average;

3 (c) Projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses
4 of one hundred positions or more;

5 (d) Projected or actual direct commercial salmon fishing job losses
6 of one hundred positions or more; and

7 (e) An unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state
8 average. The counties that meet these criteria shall be determined by
9 the employment security department for the most recent year for which
10 data is available. For the purposes of administration of programs
11 under this chapter, the United States post office five-digit zip code
12 delivery areas will be used to determine residence status for
13 eligibility purposes. For the purpose of this definition, a zip code
14 delivery area that is located wholly or partially in an urbanized area
15 or within two miles of an urbanized area is considered urbanized. The
16 office of financial management shall make available a zip code listing
17 of the areas to all agencies and organizations providing services under
18 this chapter.

19 **Sec. 31.** RCW 50.70.010 and 1992 c 21 s 1 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
22 this section apply throughout this chapter.

23 (1) "Department" means the employment security department.

24 (2) "Dislocated forest products worker" means a forest products
25 worker who: (a)(i) Has been terminated or received notice of
26 termination from employment and is unlikely to return to employment in
27 the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of
28 a diminishing demand for his or her skills in that occupation or
29 industry; or (ii) is self-employed and has been displaced from his or
30 her business because of the diminishing demand for the business's
31 services or goods; and (b) at the time of last separation from
32 employment, resided in or was employed in a (~~timber~~) rural natural
33 resources impact area.

34 (3) "Forest products worker" means a worker in the forest products
35 industries affected by the reduction of forest fiber enhancement,
36 transportation, or production. The workers included within this
37 definition shall be determined by the employment security department,
38 but shall include workers employed in the industries assigned the major

1 group standard industrial classification codes "24" and "26" and the
2 industries involved in the harvesting and management of logs,
3 transportation of logs and wood products, processing of wood products,
4 and the manufacturing and distribution of wood processing and logging
5 equipment. The commissioner may adopt rules further interpreting these
6 definitions. For the purposes of this subsection, "standard industrial
7 classification code" means the code identified in RCW 50.29.025(6)(c).

8 (4) "Dislocated salmon fishing worker" means a salmon products
9 worker who: (a)(i) Has been terminated or received notice of
10 termination from employment and is unlikely to return to employment in
11 the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of
12 a diminishing demand for his or her skills in that occupation or
13 industry; or (ii) is self-employed and has been displaced from his or
14 her business because of the diminishing demand for the business's
15 services or goods; and (b) at the time of last separation from
16 employment, resided in or was employed in a rural natural resources
17 impact area.

18 (5) "Salmon fishing worker" means a worker in the salmon industry
19 affected by 1994 or future salmon disasters. The workers included
20 within this definition shall be determined by the employment security
21 department, but shall include workers employed in the industries
22 involved in the commercial and recreational harvesting of salmon
23 including buying and processing salmon. The commissioner may adopt
24 rules further interpreting these definitions.

25 (6) "Program" means the employment and career orientation program
26 for dislocated forest products workers administered by the employment
27 security department in conjunction with the department of natural
28 resources.

29 ~~((+5))~~ (7) "Enrollee" means any person enrolled in the program.

30 ~~((+6))~~ (8) "Project" means the natural resource worker project.

31 ~~((+7))~~ (9) "~~((Timber)) Rural natural resources impact area" means:~~

32 (a) ~~((A county having a population of less than five hundred~~
33 ~~thousand, or a city or town located within a county having a population~~
34 ~~of less than five hundred thousand, and meeting two of the following~~
35 ~~three criteria, as determined by the employment security department,~~
36 ~~for the most recent year such data is available: (i) A lumber and wood~~
37 ~~products employment location quotient at or above the state average;~~
38 ~~(ii) projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses of~~
39 ~~one hundred positions or more, except counties having a population~~

1 ~~greater than two hundred thousand but less than five hundred thousand~~
2 ~~must have direct lumber and wood products job losses of one thousand~~
3 ~~positions or more; or (iii) an annual unemployment rate twenty percent~~
4 ~~or more above the state average)) A nonmetropolitan county, as defined
5 by the 1990 decennial census, that meets two of the five criteria set
6 forth in subsection (10) of this section; or~~

7 (b) A nonurbanized area, as defined by the 1990 decennial census,
8 that is located in a metropolitan county that meets two of the five
9 criteria set forth in subsection (10) of this section.

10 ~~((b) Additional communities as the economic recovery coordinating~~
11 ~~board, established in RCW 43.31.631, designates based on a finding by~~
12 ~~the board that each designated community is socially and economically~~
13 ~~integrated with areas that meet the definition of a timber impact area~~
14 ~~under (a) of this subsection.))~~

15 (10) For the purposes of designating rural natural resources impact
16 areas, the following criteria shall be considered:

17 (a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or
18 above the state average;

19 (b) A commercial salmon fishing employment location quotient at or
20 above the state average;

21 (c) Projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses
22 of one hundred positions or more;

23 (d) Projected or actual direct commercial salmon fishing job losses
24 of one hundred positions or more; and

25 (e) An unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state
26 average. The counties that meet these criteria shall be determined by
27 the employment security department for the most recent year for which
28 data is available. For the purposes of administration of programs
29 under this chapter, the United States post office five-digit zip code
30 delivery areas will be used to determine residence status for
31 eligibility purposes. For the purpose of this definition, a zip code
32 delivery area that is located wholly or partially in an urbanized area
33 or within two miles of an urbanized area is considered urbanized. The
34 office of financial management shall make available a zip code listing
35 of the areas to all agencies and organizations providing services under
36 this chapter.

37 **Sec. 32.** RCW 50.70.020 and 1991 c 315 s 6 are each amended to read
38 as follows:

1 It is the purpose of this chapter to establish programs that offer
2 dislocated forest and salmon products workers, in ((~~timber~~)) rural
3 natural resources impact areas, opportunities for forest-related
4 employment that utilizes their unique skills. Employment under the
5 program shall not result in the displacement or partial displacement of
6 currently employed workers. This includes, but is not limited to,
7 state employees or currently or normally contracted service employees.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** The following acts or parts of acts are
9 each repealed:

10 (1) RCW 43.31.661 and 1991 c 314 s 10; and

11 (2) RCW 43.31.631 and 1993 c 316 s 3 & 1991 c 314 s 6.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 34.** If any provision of this act or its
13 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
14 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
15 persons or circumstances is not affected.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** If any part of this act is found to be in
17 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
18 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of
19 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with
20 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not
21 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to
22 the agencies concerned. The rules under this act shall meet federal
23 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal
24 funds by the state.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 36.** This act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
27 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
28 effect July 1, 1995.

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