CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2762

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COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOREST RESERVE LANDS--MANAGEMENT

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Passed by the House March 4, 1996
Yeas 94  Nays 0

Passed by the Senate March 1, 1996
Yeas 47  Nays 0

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2762 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

JOEL PRITCHARD
President of the Senate

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

MIKE LOWRY
Governor of the State of Washington

FILED
March 29, 1996 - 4:47 p.m.
AN ACT Relating to management of community and technical college forest reserve lands; and adding a new section to chapter 76.12 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 76.12 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The legislature finds that the state’s community and technical colleges need a dedicated source of revenue to augment other sources of capital improvement funding. The intent of this section is to ensure that the forest land purchased under section 310, chapter 16, Laws of 1990 1st ex. sess. and known as the community and technical college forest reserve land base, is managed in perpetuity and in the same manner as state forest lands for sustainable commercial forestry and multiple use of lands consistent with RCW 79.68.050. These state lands will also be managed to provide an outdoor education and experience area for organized groups. The lands will provide a source of revenue for the long term capital improvement needs of the state community and technical college system.

(2) There has been increasing pressure to convert forest lands within areas of the state subject to population growth. Loss of forest...
land in urbanizing areas reduces the production of forest products and
the available supply of open space, watershed protection, habitat, and
recreational opportunities. The land known as the community and
technical college forest reserve land base is forever reserved from
sale. However, the timber and other products on the land may be sold,
or the land may be leased in the same manner and for the same purposes
as authorized for state granted lands if the department finds the sale
or lease to be in the best interest of this forest reserve land base
and approves the terms and conditions of the sale or lease.

(3) The land exchange and acquisition powers provided in RCW
76.12.050 may be used by the department to reposition land within the
community and technical college forest reserve land base consistent
with subsection (1) of this section.

(4) Up to twenty-five percent of the revenue from these lands, as
determined by the board of natural resources, will be deposited in the
forest development account to reimburse the forest development account
for expenditures from the account for management of these lands.

(5) The community college forest reserve account, created under
section 310, chapter 16, Laws of 1990 1st ex. sess., is renamed the
community and technical college forest reserve account. The remainder
of the revenue from these lands must be deposited in the community and
technical college forest reserve account. Money in the account may be
appropriated by the legislature for the capital improvement needs of
the state community and technical college system or to acquire
additional forest reserve lands.

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