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Sponsor(s): Senators Owen, Oke, Snyder, Morton, Rasmussen, Strannigan, Hargrove and Swecker

Brief Description: Regulating forest practices.

SB 5714 - DIGEST

Declares that it is in the public interest that the state implements the policies of RCW 76.09.010(2) in a manner that is compatible with the primary use of the forest lands of the state and the maintenance of a viable forest products industry.

Revises the definition of a class III forest practice.

Provides that the department may impose a condition on a forest practice application only after it has concluded that the condition is necessary to prevent material damage to a public resource.

Provides that the department shall bear the burden of proof that the condition is necessary.

Revises provisions controlling the issuance of a stop work order and a notice to comply by the department.

Places conditions on the adoption of permanent rules for the protection of endangered or threatened species of fish and wildlife, or that would materially limit commercial forest management of forest lands.