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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2461**

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**By** House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Buck, Sump, Kessler, Schoesler, Benson, Koster, DeBolt, McMorris, Alexander, Gardner, Linville, Thompson and Mulliken)

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1 AN ACT Relating to moneys derived from state forest lands;  
2 reenacting and amending RCW 76.12.120; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 76.12 RCW.

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

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

7 With regard to moneys remaining under RCW 76.12.030(2), within  
8 seven working days of receipt of these moneys, the department shall  
9 certify to the state treasurer the amounts to be distributed to the  
10 counties. The state treasurer shall distribute funds to the counties  
11 four times per month, with no more than ten days between each payment  
12 date.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 76.12.120 and 1988 c 128 s 32 and 1988 c 70 s 1 are  
14 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

15 All land, acquired or designated by the department as state forest  
16 land, shall be forever reserved from sale, but the timber and other  
17 products thereon may be sold or the land may be leased in the same  
18 manner and for the same purposes as is authorized for state granted

1 land if the department finds such sale or lease to be in the best  
2 interests of the state and approves the terms and conditions thereof.

3 Except as provided in RCW 79.12.035, all money derived from the  
4 sale of timber or other products, or from lease, or from any other  
5 source from the land, except where the Constitution of this state or  
6 RCW 76.12.030 requires other disposition, shall be disposed of as  
7 follows:

8 (1) Fifty percent shall be placed in the forest development  
9 account.

10 (2) Fifty percent shall be prorated and distributed to the state  
11 general fund, to be dedicated for the benefit of the public schools,  
12 and the county in which the land is located according to the relative  
13 proportions of tax levies of all taxing districts in the county. The  
14 portion to be distributed to the state general fund shall be based on  
15 the regular school levy rate under RCW 84.52.065 as now or hereafter  
16 amended and the levy rate for any maintenance and operation special  
17 school levies. With regard to the portion to be distributed to the  
18 counties, the department shall certify to the state treasurer the  
19 amounts to be distributed within seven working days of receipt of the  
20 money. The state treasurer shall distribute funds to the counties four  
21 times per month, with no more than ten days between each payment date.  
22 The money distributed to the county shall be paid, distributed, and  
23 prorated to the various other funds in the same manner as general taxes  
24 are paid and distributed during the year of payment.

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