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SENATE BILL 5787

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By Senators Benton, Snyder and Newhouse

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1 AN ACT Relating to the disposition of proceeds from county land  
2 deeded to the department of natural resources; and amending RCW  
3 76.12.030.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 76.12.030 and 1991 c 363 s 151 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 If any land acquired by a county through foreclosure of tax liens,  
8 or otherwise, comes within the classification of land described in RCW  
9 76.12.020 and can be used as state forest land and if the department  
10 deems such land necessary for the purposes of this chapter, the county  
11 shall, upon demand by the department, deed such land to the department  
12 and the land shall become a part of the state forest lands.

13 Such land shall be held in trust and administered and protected by  
14 the department as other state forest lands. Any moneys derived from  
15 the lease of such land or from the sale of forest products, oils,  
16 gases, coal, minerals, or fossils therefrom, shall be distributed as  
17 follows:

18 (1) The expense incurred by the state for administration,  
19 reforestation, and protection, not to exceed twenty-five percent, which

1 rate of percentage shall be determined by the board of natural  
2 resources, shall be returned to the forest development account in the  
3 state general fund.

4 (2) Any balance remaining shall be paid to the county in which the  
5 land is located to be paid, distributed, and prorated, except as  
6 hereinafter provided, to the various funds in the same manner as  
7 general taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment:  
8 PROVIDED, That any such balance remaining paid to a county with a  
9 population of less than ((nine)) sixteen thousand shall first be  
10 applied to the reduction of any indebtedness existing in the current  
11 expense fund of such county during the year of payment.

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