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3 By Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 79A.05.035 and 1999 c 249 s 303 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The commission shall:

10 (a) Manage timber and land under its jurisdiction to maintain and
11 enhance aesthetic and recreational values;

12 (b) Apply modern conservation practices to maintain and enhance
13 aesthetic, recreational, and ecological resources; and

14 (c) Designate and preserve certain forest areas throughout the
15 state as natural forests or natural areas for interpretation, study,
16 and preservation purposes.

17 (2) Trees may be removed from state parks:

18 (a) When hazardous to persons, property, or facilities;

19 (b) As part of a park maintenance or development project, or
20 conservation practice;

21 (c) As part of a road or utility easement; or

22 (d) When damaged by a catastrophic forest event.

23 (3) Tree removal under subsection (2) of this section shall be done
24 by commission personnel, unless the personnel lack necessary expertise.
25 Except in emergencies and when feasible, significant trees shall be
26 removed only after they have been marked or appraised by a professional
27 forester. The removal of significant trees from a natural forest may
28 take place only after a public hearing has been held, except in
29 emergencies.

30 (4) When feasible, felled timber shall be left on the ground for
31 natural purposes or used for park purposes including, but not limited
32 to, building projects, trail mulching, and firewood. In natural forest
33 areas, first consideration shall be given to leaving timber on the
34 ground for natural purposes.

1 (5) The commission may issue permits to individuals under RCW
2 4.24.210 and 79A.05.090 for the removal of wood debris from state parks
3 for personal firewood use.

4 (6) Only timber that qualifies for cutting or removal under
5 subsection (2) of this section may be sold. Timber shall be sold only
6 when surplus to the needs of the park.

7 (7) Net revenue derived from timber sales shall be deposited in the
8 state parks renewal and stewardship account created in RCW 79A.05.215.

9 (8) The commission shall adopt rules that require a record check
10 and fingerprinting of current employees of the commission, job
11 applicants, volunteers, and independent contractors who work with
12 children or vulnerable adults, or who are responsible for collecting or
13 disbursing cash or processing credit card transactions, through the
14 Washington state patrol criminal identification system and through the
15 federal bureau of investigation. The commission shall require the
16 destruction of any fingerprints, copies of fingerprints, or their
17 facsimiles after the screening of the employee, job applicant,
18 volunteer, or independent contractor has been completed."

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22 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "contractors;" strike the
23 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 79A.05.035."

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