

2 EHCR 4410 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines

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5 Beginning on page 1, line 1, strike all material through "2002." on  
6 page 3, line 18, and insert the following:

7 "WHEREAS, Congress enacted the forest resources conservation and  
8 shortage relief act in 1990 to prevent the export of unprocessed logs  
9 from federal lands and the "substitution" of federal timber for private  
10 timber that is exported by a company that also buys timber from federal  
11 lands for domestic processing; and

12 WHEREAS, When congress enacted this legislation, it granted the  
13 state and its political subdivisions the authority to prohibit  
14 substitution of state timber for private timber that is exported; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1991, the state adopted chapter 240-15 WAC to implement  
16 the federal ban on the export of restricted unprocessed timber that  
17 prohibits firms that export unprocessed logs from bidding on state  
18 timber; and

19 WHEREAS, Some concerns have been raised that these rules may  
20 contribute to the lack of bidders on state and local government timber  
21 sales;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
23 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint select  
24 legislative task force, assisted by an advisory committee, be  
25 established to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the state  
26 exercise of authority under the forest resources conservation and  
27 shortage relief act, and to identify and evaluate factors that  
28 contribute to the amount of competition for state and local government  
29 timber sales; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select legislative task  
31 force be composed of eight members; four from the House of  
32 Representatives, two each from the major political caucuses, appointed  
33 by the Co-Speakers of the House of Representatives; and four from the  
34 Senate, two each from the major political caucuses, appointed by the  
35 President of the Senate; and

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force gather information  
37 regarding changes in the forest products industry in Washington state

1 since the rules were adopted; the current market for state and local  
2 timber; factors that contribute to the sale of, and competition for,  
3 state and local government timber, including but not limited to  
4 appraisal practices and the processes used by state and local  
5 governments for offering timber sales; and other factors that the task  
6 force considers appropriate; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force may recommend which  
8 agency or official of state government should have the authority to  
9 review and amend the substitution of timber rules contained in chapter  
10 240-15 WAC; any changes to such rules; changes to state and local  
11 government timber appraisal and bidding practices; and related  
12 legislation that the legislature should consider during the 2002  
13 session; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an advisory committee be established  
15 to provide assistance upon request of the joint select legislative task  
16 force; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee shall be  
18 composed of the following members or their designees: The commissioner  
19 of public lands; the superintendent of public instruction; the  
20 president of Washington State University; the president of the  
21 University of Washington; a representative of a county, selected by the  
22 Washington state association of counties; the director of the office of  
23 financial management; the director of the department of revenue; a  
24 representative of companies that purchase timber sales under current  
25 rules from the department of natural resources, selected by  
26 representatives of those companies; a representative of companies that  
27 operate forest product manufacturing facilities in this state that are  
28 currently ineligible under current rules to purchase department of  
29 natural resources timber sales, selected by representatives of those  
30 companies; a forest products representative from a small business that  
31 purchases or processes wood products, chosen by representatives of  
32 small forest product businesses; a representative of a labor union  
33 representing workers in forest product manufacturing facilities in this  
34 state under a collective bargaining agreement, chosen by the state  
35 labor council; and a representative of an independent pulp and paper  
36 union, chosen by the president of the union; and

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee shall select a  
38 chair or cochairs from among its members for the purpose of conducting

1 meetings and transmitting information from the advisory committee as a  
2 group to the joint select legislative task force; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in developing its recommendations, the  
4 joint select legislative task force shall consult with the advisory  
5 committee; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff support for the joint select  
7 legislative task force and the advisory committee shall be provided by  
8 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of  
9 program research; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall report its  
11 findings and recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees  
12 by January 1, 2002."

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