

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1846

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Allowing the Department of Natural Resources to sell or exchange its light industrial property in Thurston County.

By Representatives Alexander, Hunt, Romero and DeBolt; by request of Department of Natural Resources.

**House Committee on Natural Resources**

**House Committee on Capital Budget**

**Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines**

**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

### **Background:**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) owns a 38-acre administrative site in Lacey, Washington, known as the Lacey Compound.— The Lacey Compound supports the department's motor pool, fire program, materials storage, and maintenance equipment. The site has buildings built in 1938 that are costly to maintain. Originally in a rural area, the site is in an area of extensive development and no longer fits into the long range plans for the area. The DNR needs authority to sell the site and relocate to a more efficient location that will save money and provide better service.

### **Summary:**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may sell or exchange the light industrial facilities in Thurston County, known as the Lacey Compound, and purchase or trade for new land and facilities in Thurston or adjacent counties to serve as an administrative site. The DNR also has the option to construct new facilities. The Lacey Compound may be sold in part or whole at public auction, or exchanged for public or private property. All sales and exchanges must be at least for market value. If an exchange is not balanced, the DNR may accept or spend funds to equalize the trade. All proceeds received from an auction are to be deposited in the park land trust revolving fund and are to be used for the acquisition of a replacement administrative site. Any proceeds remaining after the purchase and/or construction of the new administrative site will be deposited in the appropriate trust account as determined by the department.

The DNR is required to submit a proposal for review and approval with the Office of Financial Management before proceeding with the sale or exchange. The proposal must include a determination of ownership, a determination of market value, a determination of

prospective proportional use of the future site, and a financing plan based on prospective use. The future site's location must be approved by the Board of Natural Resources and the State Capitol Committee, and any additional funding requirements must be submitted for approval by the Legislature by the end of 2001.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 94 0

Senate 46 0 (Senate amended)

House 87 0 (House concurred)

**Effective:** July 22, 2001