

Natural Resources Committee

HB 1846

Brief Description: *Allowing the department of natural resources to sell or exchange its light industrial property in Thurston county.*

Sponsors: *Representatives Alexander, Hunt, Romero and DeBolt; by request of Department of Natural Resources.*

Brief Summary of Bill

- *Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to sell or exchange their administrative site in Lacey, Washington, and purchase or trade for a new administrative site in Thurston or adjacent counties.*

Hearing Date: *2/16/01*

Staff: *Jason Callahan (786-7117).*

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 and their upkeep is costly. The site was originally in a rural area but there has been extensive development around the site and it no longer fits into the long range plans for the area. DNR needs authority to sell the site and relocate to a more efficient location that will save money and provide better service.

Summary of Bill:

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. If an

exchange is not balanced, the DNR may accept or spend funds to equalize the trade. All sales and exchanges must be at least for market value. 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 to the appropriate trust account as determined by the department.

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Not Requested.*

Effective Date: *Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.*