

2 **2SSB 5574** - H AMD 915 Adopted 4-23-95

3 By Representative Buck

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

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in the early  
8 1900's and up through the 1930's, counties took possession of a number  
9 of forest land parcels as a result of tax delinquencies. In many  
10 cases, the timber had already been harvested from these lands prior to  
11 the forfeiture of the property to the counties. Since that time, the  
12 department of natural resources has reforested and managed these lands  
13 in conjunction with the state trust lands. Given changes in forest  
14 practices, recent fluctuation in income from the forest board lands,  
15 and questions about the management of the department of natural  
16 resources, the legislature directs that a study of the policies and an  
17 analysis of economic elements of the management of state forest board  
18 lands be conducted by the legislative budget committee, in consultation  
19 with the Washington state members of western states legislatures  
20 forestry task force and the chairs of the senate and house of  
21 representatives committees on natural resources.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The study under section 1 of this act shall  
23 include elements such as the following:

24 (1) The role of forest board lands in the state's sustained yield  
25 calculations and the effect of removing all or part of those lands on  
26 income, yield, and management policies;

27 (2) The economic and forest practice implications of separating the  
28 forest board lands from the total lands managed by the department of  
29 natural resources;

30 (3) The effects of a transfer on public access, recreation, and the  
31 management of other public and private lands;

32 (4) A comparison of forest management procedures and costs between  
33 Grays Harbor county and similar forest board and state trust lands; and

34 (5) An examination of the best possible methods and procedures to  
35 transfer board lands to the counties.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The findings of the study, along with  
2 recommendations to the legislature, shall be submitted to the  
3 appropriate standing committees of the legislature by December 31,  
4 1996.

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    If specific funding for the purposes of this  
6 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,  
7 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void."

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