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By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Thompson, Fuhrman, Goldsmith, Buck, Elliot, Cairnes and Sheldon)

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1 AN ACT Relating to necessary emergency measures for the Loomis
2 state forest; creating new sections; making an appropriation; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that an emergency
6 forest health situation exists in the Loomis state forest. Thousands
7 of acres of state trust lands are infested with insects and disease.
8 If this forest health problem is not addressed, the insect infestation
9 will accelerate, further damaging precious state trust resources and
10 possibly spreading to private lands. The current fragile state of the
11 diseased trees is also posing a large risk of catastrophic fire in the
12 Loomis forest and the surrounding area. The legislature finds it
13 necessary to initiate immediate action to rectify this dangerous
14 situation.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of natural resources shall
16 act expediently to resolve the forest health situation in the Loomis
17 state forest and shall maximize income to the trust beneficiaries.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) In an action seeking review under
2 chapter 76.09 RCW from the appeals board of a forest practice that
3 implements the purposes of this act, and as part of that review the
4 appeals board grants a stay of the implementation action, the appeals
5 board shall require the person requesting the stay to provide security
6 to cover the amount of damages potentially resulting from the stay, but
7 in no case shall the security be less than one hundred thousand
8 dollars.

9 (2) In any judicial review of a decision under chapter 76.09 RCW
10 of the appeals board involving a forest practice that implements the
11 purposes of this act, and as part of that review the court grants a
12 stay of the implementation action, the court shall require the person
13 requesting the stay to provide security to cover the amount of damages
14 potentially resulting from the stay, but in no case shall the security
15 be less than one hundred thousand dollars.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of six hundred thousand dollars, or
17 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
18 ending June 30, 1997, from the resource management cost account to the
19 department of natural resources, to be used solely to implement the
20 purposes of this act.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
23 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
24 effect immediately.

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