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By Representatives Sehlin, Ogden, Cooke and Silver

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1            AN ACT Relating to management of community and technical college  
2 forest reserve lands; and adding a new section to chapter 76.12 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 76.12 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The legislature finds that the state's community and technical  
7 colleges need a dedicated source of revenue to augment other sources of  
8 capital improvement funding. The intent of this section is to ensure  
9 that the forest land purchased under section 310, chapter 16, Laws of  
10 1990 1st ex. sess. and known as the community and technical college  
11 forest reserve land base, is managed in perpetuity and in the same  
12 manner as state forest lands for sustainable commercial forestry with  
13 potential for the multiple use of lands consistent with RCW 79.68.050.  
14 These state lands will also be managed to provide an outdoor education  
15 and experience area for organized groups and will provide a source of  
16 revenue for the long term capital improvement needs of the state  
17 community and technical college system.

18            (2) There has been increasing pressure to convert forest lands  
19 within areas of the state subject to population growth. Loss of forest

1 land in urbanizing areas reduces the production of forest products and  
2 the available supply of open space, watershed protection, habitat, and  
3 recreational opportunities. The land known as the community and  
4 technical college forest reserve land base is forever reserved from  
5 sale. However, the timber and other products on the land may be sold,  
6 or the land may be leased in the same manner and for the same purposes  
7 as authorized for state granted lands if the department finds the sale  
8 or lease to be in the best interest of this forest reserve land base  
9 and approves the terms and conditions of the sale or lease.

10 (3) The land exchange and acquisition powers provided in RCW  
11 76.12.050 and 76.12.080 may be used by the department to reposition  
12 land within the community and technical college forest reserve land  
13 base consistent with subsection (1) of this section.

14 (4) Up to twenty-five percent of the revenue from these lands, as  
15 determined by the board of natural resources, will be deposited in the  
16 forest development account to reimburse the forest development account  
17 for expenditures from the account for management of these lands.

18 (5) The community college forest reserve account, created under  
19 section 310, chapter 16, Laws of 1990 1st ex. sess., is renamed the  
20 community and technical college forest reserve account. The remainder  
21 of the revenue from these lands must be deposited in the community and  
22 technical college forest reserve account. Money in the account may be  
23 appropriated by the legislature for the capital improvement needs of  
24 the state community and technical college system or to acquire  
25 additional forest reserve lands.

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