

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5574

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YEAS 45 NAYS 1

President of the Senate

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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5574** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, A. Anderson, Snyder, McDonald, Owen, Long, Rasmussen, Swecker, Heavey, Morton, Deccio, Johnson, Loveland, Hale, Sutherland, Strannigan, Palmer, Moyer, Hochstatter, West, Drew, Haugen, Quigley, Bauer and Roach)

Read first time 03/06/95.

1 AN ACT Relating to the return of state forest board transfer lands
2 back to counties; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in the early
5 1900's and up through the 1930's, counties took possession of a number
6 of forest land parcels as a result of tax delinquencies. In many
7 cases, the timber had already been harvested from these lands prior to
8 the forfeiture of the property to the counties. Since that time, the
9 department of natural resources has reforested and managed these lands
10 in conjunction with the state trust lands. Given changes in forest
11 practices, recent fluctuation in income from the forest board lands,
12 and questions about the management of the department of natural
13 resources, the legislature directs that a study of the policies and an
14 analysis of economic elements of the management of state forest board
15 lands be conducted by the legislative budget committee, in consultation
16 with the Washington state members of western states legislatures
17 forestry task force and the chairs of the senate and house of
18 representatives committees on natural resources.

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

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

6 (2) The economic and forest practice implications of separating the
7 forest board lands from the total lands managed by the department of
8 natural resources;

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

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

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

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The findings of the study, along with
16 recommendations to the legislature, shall be submitted to the
17 appropriate standing committees of the legislature by December 31,
18 1996.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
20 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,
21 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

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