(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares it is in the public interest to ensure a reasonable rate of compensation for log hauling services. This act is enacted to create a process whereby forest landowners may refer to utilities and transportation advisory rates when determining compensation for log haulers.

Authorizes the commission in conjunction with the Northwest log truckers cooperative to establish fair, just, and reasonable advisory rates of compensation for log hauling services in each labor market area. Advisory rates may be established as often as the commission deems it necessary and proper.