

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5806

As of February 21, 2013

Title: An act relating to repealing an obsolete provision for a credit against property taxes paid on timber on public land.

Brief Description: Repealing an obsolete provision for a credit against property taxes paid on timber on public land.

Sponsors: Senators Smith, Rolfes, Pearson and Hargrove.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/21/13.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Juliana Roe (786-7438)

Background: Under current law, a credit against the timber tax is provided for property taxes paid on privately owned timber standing on public land. However, in 2004, the Legislature passed a bill that exempts all timber from the property tax. Therefore, the credit provided is obsolete and unnecessary.

Summary of Bill: The property tax credit for taxes paid on privately owned timber standing on public lands is repealed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill allows us to take an opportunity to clean up our statutes. It is good practice to get rid of obsolete laws.

There is no fiscal impact attributed to this bill. The Department of Revenue is in favor of the bill.

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Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Smith, prime sponsor; John Ehrenreich, WA Forest Protection Assn.