

SSB 5187 - S AMD 243

By Senator Van De Wege

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1 On page 323, line 36, increase the General Fund—State
2 Appropriation (FY 2024) by \$175,000

3 On page 323, line 37, increase the General Fund—State
4 Appropriation (FY 2025) by \$175,000

5 Adjust the total appropriation accordingly.

6 On page 330, after line 29, insert the following:

7 "(29) \$175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
8 year 2024 and \$175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
9 fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for the department to implement
10 a pilot project to evaluate the costs and benefits of marketing and
11 selling specialty forest products including cedar salvage, alder, and
12 other hardwood products. The pilot project must include: Identifying
13 suitable areas for hardwood or cedar sales within the administrative
14 areas of the Olympic and Pacific Cascade regions, preparing and
15 conducting sales, and evaluating the costs and benefits from
16 conducting the sales.

17 (a) The pilot project must include an evaluation that:

18 (i) Determines if revenues from the sales are sufficient to cover
19 the costs of preparing and conducting the sales;

20 (ii) Identifies and evaluates factors impacting the sales,
21 including regulatory constraints, staffing levels, or other
22 limitations;

23 (iii) Compares the specialty sales to other timber sales that
24 combine the sale of cedar and hardwoods with other species;

25 (iv) Evaluates the bidder pool for the pilot sales and other
26 factors that impact the costs and revenues received from the sales;
27 and

28 (v) Evaluates the current and future prices and market trends for
29 cedar salvage and hardwood species.

30 (b) The department must work with affected stakeholders and
31 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature with the

1 results of the pilot project and make recommendations for any changes
2 to statute by June 30, 2025."

EFFECT: Provides funding and direction to the Department of Natural Resources for continuing a pilot project for cedar and hardwood timber sales.

EXPENDITURE EFFECT (2023-2025): \$350,000 Near General Fund—State/
\$350,000 Total Funds

FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EXPENDITURE EFFECT: \$350,000 Near General Fund—
State

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