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3 By Committee on Appropriations

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that an increase
8 in unemployment due to the declining timber economy in the state is
9 imminent. The legislature further recognizes that employment
10 opportunities in other natural resource management professions exist
11 and that natural resource enhancements in the areas of fisheries,
12 wildlife, and recreation can bring needed income to distressed local
13 economies in the state. It is the intent of the legislature that
14 dislocated timber workers be given training in and opportunities to
15 compete for employment in other resource management professions, and to
16 establish a pilot program in Skagit county to accomplish this
17 objective. The Skagit river represents a potential recreational
18 fishery that, if enhanced, will bring much needed income to Skagit
19 county. Enhancements to the fishery on the Skagit river are planned
20 over the next several years, and workers will be needed to fill these
21 positions. Displaced timber workers will be available to do this
22 work."

23 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Unless the context clearly requires
24 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
25 chapter.

26 (1) "Department" means the employment security department.

27 (2) "Dislocated timber worker" means any individual who:

1 (a) Has been terminated or received a notice of termination from
2 employment in a timber-related occupation within standard industrial
3 code 024; and

4 (b) At the time of last separation from employment, resided in or
5 was employed in a timber-dependent community.

6 (3) "College" means Skagit Valley Community College.

7 (4) "Local development agency" means the economic development
8 association of Skagit county."

9 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A pilot project shall be established,
10 coordinated jointly by the department and the college, in Skagit
11 county. The pilot project created in this section is subject to the
12 department and the college acquiring funds for the pilot project from
13 federal, state, or private sources. The project shall be of five years
14 duration."

15 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The college shall develop a training
16 program designed for dislocated timber workers and their spouses, and
17 in doing so, shall:

18 (1) Consult with, at a minimum, the departments of natural
19 resources, ecology, wildlife, and fisheries, the parks and recreation
20 commission, and other state, federal, local, and private employers in
21 Skagit county to determine minimum employment qualifications in the
22 areas of natural resource management and enhancement of the Skagit
23 river; and

24 (2) Develop a program that will provide needed educational skills
25 to dislocated timber workers and their spouses."

26 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The department shall contract with the
27 local development agency to coordinate with the college and the

1 departments of wildlife, ecology, natural resources, and fisheries, the
2 parks and recreation commission, and other state, federal, local, and
3 private employers in assisting dislocated timber workers and their
4 spouses in securing education and employment in the natural resource
5 professions. The local development agency shall also provide
6 information on the training program established under section 4 of this
7 act."

8 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The department and the college shall
9 jointly report to the legislature on their progress by November 1 of
10 each year, beginning in 1991 and ending November 1, 1996. This report
11 shall include a college program description, numbers of students,
12 numbers of referrals for existing positions by the local development
13 agency, and numbers of positions filled by dislocated timber workers."

14 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This act shall expire January 1, 1997."

15 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall
16 constitute a new chapter in Title 50 RCW."

17 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. This act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
20 effect July 15, 1991."

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24 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "force;" strike the remainder
25 of the title and insert "adding a new chapter to Title 50 RCW;

- 1 providing an effective date; providing an expiration date; and
- 2 declaring an emergency."