

2 **SB 5264 - H COMM AMD ADOPTED 4-18-91**

3 By Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

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

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature hereby finds and declares
8 that:

9 (1) Trees and other woody vegetation are a necessary and important
10 part of community and urban environments. Community and urban forests
11 have many values and uses including conserving energy, reducing air and
12 water pollution and soil erosion, contributing to property values,
13 attracting business, reducing glare and noise, providing aesthetic and
14 historical values, providing wood products, and affording comfort and
15 protection for humans and wildlife.

16 (2) As urban and community areas in Washington state grow, the need
17 to plan for and protect community and urban forests increases. Cities
18 and communities benefit from assistance in developing and maintaining
19 community and urban forestry programs that also address future growth.

20 (3) Assistance and encouragement in establishment, retention, and
21 enhancement of these forests and trees by local governments, citizens,
22 organizations, and professionals are in the interest of the state based
23 on the contributions these forests make in preserving and enhancing the
24 quality of life of Washington's municipalities and counties while
25 providing opportunities for economic development."

26 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The purpose of this chapter is to:

1 (1) Encourage planting and maintenance and management of trees in
2 the state's municipalities and counties and maximize the potential of
3 tree and vegetative cover in improving the quality of the environment.

4 (2) Encourage the coordination of state and local agency activities
5 and maximize citizen participation in the development and
6 implementation of community and urban forestry-related programs.

7 (3) Foster healthy economic activity for the state's community and
8 urban forestry-related businesses through cooperative and supportive
9 contracts with the private business sector.

10 (4) Facilitate the creation of employment opportunities related to
11 community and urban forestry activities including opportunities for
12 inner city youth to learn teamwork, resource conservation,
13 environmental appreciation, and job skills.

14 (5) Provide meaningful voluntary opportunities for the state's
15 citizens and organizations interested in community and urban forestry
16 activities."

17 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Unless the context clearly requires
18 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
19 chapter.

20 (1) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

21 (2) "Person" means an individual, partnership, private or public
22 municipal corporation, Indian tribe, state entity, county or local
23 governmental entity, or association of individuals of whatever nature.

24 (3) "Community and urban forest" is that land in and around human
25 settlements ranging from small communities to metropolitan areas,
26 occupied or potentially occupied by trees and associated vegetation.
27 Community and urban forest land may be planted or unplanted, used or
28 unused, and includes public and private lands, lands along

1 transportation and utility corridors, and forested watershed lands
2 within populated areas.

3 (4) "Community and urban forestry" means the planning,
4 establishment, protection, care, and management of trees and associated
5 plants individually, in small groups, or under forest conditions within
6 municipalities and counties.

7 (5) "Municipality" means a city, town, port district, public school
8 district, community college district, irrigation district, weed control
9 district, park district, or other political subdivision of the state."

10 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) The department may establish and
11 maintain a program in community and urban forestry to accomplish the
12 purpose stated in section 2 of this act. The department may assist
13 municipalities and counties in establishing and maintaining community
14 and urban forestry programs and encourage persons to engage in
15 appropriate and improved tree management and care.

16 (2) The department may advise, encourage, and assist
17 municipalities, counties, and other public and private entities in the
18 development and coordination of policies, programs, and activities for
19 the promotion of community and urban forestry.

20 (3) The department may appoint a committee or council to advise the
21 department in establishing and carrying out a program in community and
22 urban forestry.

23 (4) The department may assist municipal and county tree maintenance
24 programs by making surplus equipment available on loan where feasible
25 for community and urban forestry programs and cooperative projects."

26 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The department may:

1 (1) Receive and disburse any and all moneys contributed, allotted,
2 or paid by the United States under authority of any act of congress for
3 the purposes of this chapter.

4 (2) Receive such gifts, grants, bequests, and endowments and
5 donations of labor, material, seedlings, and equipment from public or
6 private sources as may be made for the purpose of carrying out the
7 provisions of this chapter, and may spend the gifts, grants, bequests,
8 endowments, and donations as well as other moneys from public or
9 private sources.

10 (3) Charge fees for attendance at workshops and conferences, and
11 for various publications and other materials that the department may
12 prepare.

13 (4) Enter into agreements and contracts with persons having
14 community and urban forestry-related responsibilities."

15 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The department shall assume the primary
16 responsibility of carrying out this chapter and shall cooperate with
17 other private and public, state and federal persons, any agency of
18 another state, the United States, any agency of the United States, or
19 any agency or province of Canada."

20 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall
21 constitute a new chapter in Title 76 RCW."

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25 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "forestry;" strike the
26 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new chapter to Title 76
27 RCW."