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BRIEF TITLE:

2 **SB 5675** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife

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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 some stocks
8 of Skagit river salmon are declining, and that no recovery plan exists
9 for these stocks. The legislature declares that the recovery and
10 enhancement of Skagit river salmon should receive high priority since
11 the status of these stocks affects the ocean fishery as well as the
12 fishery on the Skagit river. The legislature further finds that
13 dislocated timber workers represent a potential work force to conduct
14 salmon enhancement projects, if adequate training is provided in the
15 area of fish management to these dislocated workers, and if sufficient
16 coordination exists between potential employers and employees."

17 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The director of fisheries shall prepare
18 a salmon recovery plan for the Skagit river. The plan shall
19 incorporate the best available technology in order to achieve maximum
20 restoration of depressed salmon stocks. The utilization of salmon
21 hatchery programs must be an important component of the recovery plan.
22 The plan must encourage the restoration of natural spawning areas and
23 natural rearing of salmon but must not preclude the development of an
24 active hatchery program."

25 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The director shall present the recovery
26 plan to the legislature on or before December 31, 1991. The plan shall

1 include funding requirements for salmon hatchery programs and natural
2 spawning programs."

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Unless the context clearly requires
4 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
5 chapter.

6 (1) "Dislocated timber worker" means any individual who:

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

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

12 (2) "College" means Skagit Valley Community College.

13 (3) "Local development agency" means the economic development
14 association of Skagit county."

15 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A pilot project shall be established,
16 coordinated jointly by the department and the college, in Skagit
17 county. The pilot project created in this section is subject to the
18 department and the college acquiring funds for the pilot project from
19 federal, state, or private sources. The project shall be of five years
20 duration."

21 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The college shall develop a training
22 program designed for dislocated timber workers and their spouses, and
23 in doing so, shall:

24 (1) Consult with, at a minimum, the departments of natural
25 resources, ecology, wildlife, and fisheries, the parks and recreation
26 commission, and other state, federal, local, and private employers in
27 Skagit county to determine minimum employment qualifications in the

1 areas of natural resource management and enhancement of the Skagit
2 river salmon; and

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

5 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The employment security department shall
6 contract with the local development agency to coordinate with the
7 college and the departments of wildlife, ecology, natural resources,
8 and fisheries, the parks and recreation commission, and other state,
9 federal, local, and private employers in assisting dislocated timber
10 workers and their spouses in securing education and employment in the
11 natural resource professions. The local development agency shall also
12 provide information on the training program established under section
13 6 of this act."

14 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The employment security department and
15 the college shall jointly report to the legislature on their progress
16 by November 1 of each year, beginning in 1991 and ending November 1,
17 1996. This report shall include a college program description, numbers
18 of students, numbers of referrals for existing positions by the local
19 development agency, and numbers of positions filled by dislocated
20 timber workers."

21 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. The employment security department,
22 subject to the availability of funding under section 10 of this act or
23 an appropriation from the general fund, shall establish the pilot
24 natural resource worker project. The project shall be located in
25 Skagit county, shall terminate on July 1, 1996, and shall provide
26 employment and training opportunities for dislocated timber workers in
27 the areas of fisheries, wildlife, recreation, and other natural

1 resource professions. The department of personnel shall approve the
2 project. The goal of the project is to allow project employees to be,
3 upon termination of their participation in the project, eligible for
4 permanent employment relating to enhancement of Skagit river salmon
5 with the departments of wildlife, fisheries, ecology, and natural
6 resources, and the parks and recreation commission."

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. The employment security department shall
8 use federal funds that it receives for dislocated timber workers to
9 contract with the departments of wildlife, fisheries, ecology, and
10 natural resources, and the parks and recreation commission to hire
11 natural resource worker project participants to conduct tasks in the
12 areas of fisheries, wildlife, forestry, ecology, and recreation,
13 particularly in the area of Skagit river salmon enhancement."

14 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. The natural resource worker project
15 shall include the following elements:

16 (1) Recruitment of dislocated timber workers;

17 (2) Placement in the departments of wildlife, fisheries, ecology,
18 and natural resources, and the parks and recreation commission;

19 (3) On-the-job training in entry-level natural resource management
20 skills;

21 (4) Comparable salaries and benefits to entry-level positions
22 already existing in the departments of wildlife, fisheries, ecology,
23 and natural resources, and the parks and recreation commission."

24 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. The employment security department,
25 along with the departments of personnel, wildlife, fisheries, ecology,
26 and natural resources, and the parks and recreation commission shall
27 report annually to the legislature on November 1 of each year beginning

1 November 1, 1992, and until November 1, 1995, on the natural resource
2 worker project.

3 The report shall include, at a minimum, the following elements:

4 (1) The number of project employees;

5 (2) The number and description of positions filled, by agency;

6 (3) Training received;

7 (4) Duration of employment; and

8 (5) Placement in permanent positions."

9 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** This act shall expire January 1, 1997."

10 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** Sections 4 through 13 of this act shall
11 constitute a new chapter in Title 50 RCW."

12 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
15 effect July 15, 1991."

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19 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "salmon;" strike the
20 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new chapter to Title 50
21 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; providing an
22 expiration date; and declaring an emergency."