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ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5724

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Sutherland, Hayner and Owen).

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1 AN ACT Relating to water pollution control of chlorinated organic  
2 compound emissions; adding a new section to chapter 90.48 RCW; creating  
3 a new section; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that  
6 scientifically valid and technically achievable effluent limitations on  
7 the pulp and paper industry are necessary for the protection of the  
8 waters of the state of Washington. The legislature also finds that the  
9 United States environmental protection agency is in the process of  
10 developing national effluent guidelines for pulp and paper mills  
11 limiting discharge of chlorinated organics. In order to conserve  
12 limited economic resources, the legislature finds that the department  
13 of ecology should not duplicate ongoing federal efforts.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 90.48 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        The department shall:

4        (1) Issue no permit establishing limits for the discharge of  
5 chlorinated organic compounds by pulp mills and paper mills under RCW  
6 90.48.160 or 90.48.260 until the United States environmental protection  
7 agency issues final effluent guidelines; then the department may issue  
8 permits containing chlorinated organics discharge limitations  
9 consistent with the national guidelines.

10       (2) Nothing in this section shall apply to dioxin compounds.

11       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**        This act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
14 effect immediately.