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1 AN ACT Relating to timber programs under chapters 314 and 315, Laws
2 of 1991; amending RCW 43.31.611, 43.31.621, 43.31.631, and 50.22.090;
3 amending 1991 c 314 s 26 (uncodified); amending 1991 c 314 s 32
4 (uncodified); amending 1991 c 314 s 34 (uncodified); amending 1991 c
5 314 s 33 (uncodified); amending 1991 c 315 s 2 (uncodified); providing
6 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.31.611 and 1991 c 314 s 3 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) The governor shall appoint a timber recovery coordinator. The
11 coordinator shall coordinate the state and federal economic and social
12 programs targeted to timber impact areas.

13 (2) The coordinator's responsibilities shall include but not be
14 limited to:

15 (a) Serving as executive secretary of the economic recovery
16 coordination board and directing staff associated with the board.

17 (b) Chairing the agency timber task force and directing staff
18 associated with the task force.

1 (c) Coordinating and maximizing the impact of state and federal
2 assistance to timber impact areas.

3 (d) Coordinating and expediting programs to assist timber impact
4 areas.

5 (e) Providing the legislature with a status and impact report on
6 the timber recovery program in January 1992.

7 (3) This section shall expire June 30, (~~(1993)~~) 1995.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.31.621 and 1991 c 314 s 4 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) There is established the agency timber task force. The task
11 force shall be chaired by the timber recovery coordinator. It shall be
12 the responsibility of the coordinator that all directives of chapter
13 314, Laws of 1991 are carried out expeditiously by the agencies
14 represented in the task force. The task force shall consist of the
15 directors, or representatives of the directors, of the following
16 agencies: The department of trade and economic development, department
17 of community development, employment security department, department of
18 social and health services, state board for community and technical
19 colleges (~~(education)~~), state (~~(board for vocational education)~~) work
20 force training and education coordinating board, or its replacement
21 entity, department of natural resources, department of transportation,
22 state energy office, department of wildlife, University of Washington
23 center for international trade in forest products, and department of
24 ecology. The task force may consult and enlist the assistance of the
25 following: The higher education coordinating board, University of
26 Washington college of forest resources, Washington State University
27 school of forestry, Northwest policy center, state superintendent of
28 public instruction, the Evergreen partnership, Washington association
29 of counties, and rural development council.

30 (2) This section shall expire June 30, (~~(1993)~~) 1995.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.31.631 and 1991 c 314 s 6 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (1) There is established the economic recovery coordination board
34 consisting of one representative, appointed by the governor, from each
35 county that is a timber impact area. The timber recovery coordinator
36 shall also be a member of the board. Each associate development
37 organization from counties that are timber impact areas, in

1 consultation with the county legislative authority, shall submit to the
2 governor the names of three nominees representing different interests
3 in each county. Within sixty days after July 28, 1991, the governor
4 shall select one nominee from each list submitted by associate
5 development organizations. In making the appointments, the governor
6 shall endeavor to ensure that the board represents a diversity of
7 backgrounds. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the
8 original appointment.

9 (2) The board shall:

10 (a) Advise the timber recovery coordinator and the agency timber
11 task force on issues relating to timber impact area economic and social
12 development, and review and provide recommendations on proposals for
13 the diversification of the timber impact areas presented to it by the
14 timber recovery coordinator.

15 (b) Respond to the needs and concerns of citizens at the local
16 level.

17 (c) Develop strategies for the economic recovery of timber impact
18 areas.

19 (d) Provide recommendations to the governor, the legislature, and
20 congress on land management and economic and regulatory policies that
21 affect timber impact areas.

22 (e) Recommend to the legislature any changes or improvements in
23 existing programs designed to benefit timber impact areas.

24 (3) Members of the board and committees shall receive no
25 compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses under RCW
26 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

27 (4) This section shall expire June 30, (~~1993~~) 1995.

28 **Sec. 4.** 1991 c 314 s 26 (uncodified) is amended to read as
29 follows:

30 (1) For the period beginning July 1, 1991, and ending June 30,
31 (~~1993~~) 1995, in timber impact areas the public works board may award
32 low-interest or interest-free loans to local governments for
33 construction of new public works facilities that stimulate economic
34 growth or diversification.

35 (2) For the purposes of this section and section 27 of this act:

36 (a) "Public facilities" means bridge, road and street, domestic
37 water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer systems.

1 (b) "Timber impact area" means a county having a population of less
2 than five hundred thousand, or a city or town located within a county
3 having a population of less than five hundred thousand, and meeting two
4 of the following three criteria, as determined by the employment
5 security department, for the most recent year such data is available:
6 (i) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or above
7 the state average; (ii) projected or actual direct lumber and wood
8 products job losses of one hundred positions or more, except counties
9 having a population greater than two hundred thousand but less than
10 five hundred thousand must have direct lumber and wood products job
11 losses of one thousand positions or more; or (iii) an annual
12 unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state average.

13 (3) The loans may have a deferred payment of up to five years but
14 shall be repaid within twenty years. The public works board may
15 require other terms and conditions and may charge such rates of
16 interest on its loans as it deems appropriate to carry out the purposes
17 of this section. Repayments shall be made to the public works
18 assistance account.

19 (4) The board may make such loans irrespective of the annual loan
20 cycle and reporting required in RCW 43.155.070.

21 **Sec. 5.** 1991 c 314 s 32 (uncodified) is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 RCW 43.160.076 and 1991 c 314 s 24 and 1985 c 446 s 6 are each
24 repealed effective June 30, (~~1993~~) 1995.

25 **Sec. 6.** 1991 c 314 s 34 (uncodified) is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 RCW 43.160.210 shall take effect July 1, (~~1993~~) 1995.

28 **Sec. 7.** 1991 c 314 s 33 (uncodified) is amended to read as
29 follows:

30 RCW 43.160.200 expires June 30, (~~1993~~) 1995.

31 **Sec. 8.** 1991 c 315 s 2 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

32 (1) Coordination of the programs in this act shall be through the
33 economic recovery coordination board created in RCW 43.31.631, the
34 timber recovery coordinator created in RCW 43.31.611, and the agency
35 timber task force created in RCW 43.31.621.

1 (2) This section shall expire June 30, ((1993)) 1995.

2 **Sec. 9.** RCW 50.22.090 and 1992 c 47 s 2 are each amended to read
3 as follows:

4 (1) An additional benefit period is established for counties
5 identified under subsection (2) of this section beginning on the first
6 Sunday after July 1, 1991, and for the forest products industry
7 beginning with the third week after the first Sunday after July 1,
8 1991. Benefits shall be paid as provided in subsection (3) of this
9 section to exhaustees eligible under subsection (4) of this section.

10 (2) The additional benefit period applies to counties having a
11 population of less than five hundred thousand beginning with the third
12 week after a week in which the commissioner determines that a county
13 meets two of the following three criteria, as determined by the
14 department, for the most recent year in which such data is available:

15 (a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or above
16 the state average; (b) projected or actual direct lumber and wood
17 products job losses of one hundred positions or more, except counties
18 having a population greater than two hundred thousand but less than
19 five hundred thousand must have direct lumber and wood products job
20 losses of one thousand positions or more; or (c) an annual unemployment
21 rate twenty percent or more above the state average. The additional
22 benefit period for a county may end no sooner than fifty-two weeks
23 after the additional benefit period begins.

24 (3) Additional benefits shall be paid as follows:

25 (a) No new claims for additional benefits shall be accepted for
26 weeks beginning after July ((3)) 1, ((1993)) 1995, but for claims
27 established on or before July ((3)) 1, ((1993)) 1995, weeks of
28 unemployment occurring after July ((3)) 1, ((1993)) 1995, shall be
29 compensated as provided in this section.

30 (b) ~~The total additional benefit amount shall be ((fifty-two times~~
31 ~~the individual's weekly benefit amount, reduced by the total amount of~~
32 ~~regular benefits and extended benefits paid, or deemed paid, with~~
33 ~~respect to the benefit year. Additional benefits shall not be payable~~
34 ~~for weeks more than one year beyond the end of the benefit year of the~~
35 ~~regular claim for an individual whose benefit year ends on or after~~
36 ~~July 27, 1991, and shall not be payable for weeks ending on or after~~
37 ~~one year after March 26, 1992, for individuals who become eligible as~~
38 ~~a result of chapter 47, Laws of 1992, and shall be payable for up to~~

1 ~~five weeks following the completion of the training required by this~~
2 ~~section))~~ an amount equal to the length of the individual's approved
3 training plan plus an additional five weeks of benefits for job search
4 upon completion of training. The amount paid each week will be the
5 same as the individual's regular benefits.

6 (c) The weekly benefit amount shall be calculated as specified in
7 RCW 50.22.040.

8 (d) Benefits paid under this section shall be paid under the same
9 terms and conditions as regular benefits and shall not be charged to
10 the experience rating account of individual employers. The additional
11 benefit period shall be suspended with the start of an extended benefit
12 period, or any totally federally funded benefit program, with
13 eligibility criteria and benefits comparable to the program established
14 by this section, and shall resume the first week following the end of
15 the federal program.

16 (4) An additional benefit eligibility period is established for any
17 exhaustee who:

18 (a)(i) At the time of last separation from employment, resided in
19 or was employed in a county identified under subsection (2) of this
20 section; or

21 (ii) During his or her base year, earned wages in at least six
22 hundred eighty hours in the forest products industry, which shall be
23 determined by the department but shall include the industries assigned
24 the major group standard industrial classification codes "24" and "26"
25 and the industries involved in the harvesting and management of logs,
26 transportation of logs and wood products, processing of wood products,
27 and the manufacturing and distribution of wood processing and logging
28 equipment. The commissioner may adopt rules further interpreting the
29 industries covered under this subsection. For the purposes of this
30 subsection, "standard industrial classification code" means the code
31 identified in RCW 50.29.025(6)(c); and

32 (b)(i) Has received notice of termination or layoff; and

33 (ii) Is unlikely to return to employment in his or her principal
34 occupation or previous industry because of a diminishing demand within
35 his or her labor market for his or her skills in the occupation or
36 industry; and

37 (c)(i)(A) Is notified by the department of the requirements of this
38 section and develops an individual training program that is submitted
39 to the commissioner for approval not later than sixty days after the

1 individual is notified of the requirements of this section, and enters
2 the approved training program not later than ninety days after the date
3 of the individual's termination or layoff, or ninety days after July 1,
4 1991, whichever is later, unless the department determines that the
5 training is not available during the ninety-day period, in which case
6 the individual shall enter training as soon as it is available; or

7 (B) Is unemployed as the result of a plant closure that occurs
8 after November 1, 1992, in a county identified under subsection (2) of
9 this section, did not comply with the requirements of (c)(i)(A) of this
10 subsection due to good cause as demonstrated to the department, such as
11 ambiguity over possible sale of the plant, develops a training program
12 that is submitted to the commissioner for approval not later than sixty
13 days from a date determined by the department to accommodate the good
14 cause, and enters the approved training program not later than ninety
15 days after the revised date established by the department, unless the
16 department determines that the training is not available during the
17 ninety-day period, in which case the individual shall enter training as
18 soon as it is available; or

19 (ii) Is enrolled in training approved under this section on a full-
20 time basis and maintains satisfactory progress in the training; and

21 (d) Does not receive a training allowance or stipend under the
22 provisions of any federal or state law.

23 (5) For the purposes of this section:

24 (a) "Training program" means:

25 (i) A remedial education program determined to be necessary after
26 counseling at the educational institution in which the individual
27 enrolls pursuant to his or her approved training program; or

28 (ii) A vocational training program at an educational institution
29 that:

30 (A) Is training for a labor demand occupation;

31 (B) Is likely to facilitate a substantial enhancement of the
32 individual's marketable skills and earning power; and

33 (C) Does not include on-the-job training or other training under
34 which the individual is paid by an employer for work performed by the
35 individual during the time that the individual receives additional
36 benefits under subsection (1) of this section.

37 (b) "Educational institution" means an institution of higher
38 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 or an educational institution as
39 defined in RCW 28C.04.410(3).

1 (c) "Training allowance or stipend" means discretionary use, cash-
2 in-hand payments available to the individual to be used as the
3 individual sees fit, but does not mean direct or indirect compensation
4 for training costs, such as tuition or books and supplies.

5 (6) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
6 this section.

7 (7) For the purpose of this section, an individual who has a
8 benefit year beginning after January 1, 1989, and ending before July
9 27, 1991, shall be treated as if his or her benefit year ended on July
10 27, 1991.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Section 9 of this act is necessary for the
12 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
13 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
14 and shall take effect immediately.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Sections 1 through 8 of this act are
16 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,
17 or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public
18 institutions, and shall take effect June 30, 1993.

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