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HOUSE BILL 2286

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to rewards for information regarding public lands
- 2 and natural resource violations; and amending RCW 79.01.765.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.01.765 and 1990 c 163 s 8 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 The department of natural resources is authorized to offer and pay
- 7 a reward not to exceed ((one)) <u>ten</u> thousand dollars in each case for
- 8 information regarding violations of any statute or rule adopted
- 9 pursuant to any statute or rule relating to the state's public lands
- 10 and natural resources ((including, but not limited to, Titles 75, 76,
- 11 78, and 79 RCW, and any rule adopted pursuant thereto)), except forest
- 12 practices under chapter 76.09 RCW. No reward may be paid to any
- 13 federal, state, or local government or agency employees for information
- 14 obtained by them in the normal course of their employment. The
- 15 department of natural resources is authorized to ((promulgate)) adopt
- 16 rules in pursuit of its authority under this section to determine the
- 17 appropriate account or fund from which to pay the reward. The
- 18 department is also authorized to adopt rules establishing the criteria

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- 1 for paying a reward and the amount to be paid. No appropriation shall
- 2 be required for disbursement.

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