
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6457

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By Senate Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Erwin, Owen, Oke, Hargrove, Franklin, Snyder, L. Smith and M. Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to forestry; adding new sections to chapter 76.09
2 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
5 provide a regulatory climate that is favorable to the creation of more
6 intensive forestry in the state. The goal of this policy is to protect
7 timber-related jobs, and provide more jobs in timber-producing regions
8 than are currently available. The legislature also seeks to ensure
9 more stability in the timber industry and in the timber-dependent
10 communities around the state. One way to help accomplish these goals
11 is to provide incentives to keep small forest land holdings in timber
12 production.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 76.09 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The forest practices board shall develop and adopt rules that
16 seek to assist forest landowners of small ownerships. For the purposes
17 of this section, "small parcels" means an area of land under one
18 hundred acres.

1 (2) The forest practices board shall develop a system to let all
2 forest landowners know of the rules that affect their land, and let
3 them know of the ways that the department of natural resources can
4 assist them in the stewardship of their land.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The forest practices board shall conduct a
6 study, in conjunction with the department of natural resources, on the
7 issue of applied forest genetics, and develop state-wide rules to
8 assist all forest landowners to produce more timber.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 76.09 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 For all rules adopted under the authority of the department of
12 natural resources or the forest practices board, there is required:

13 (1) A commodity supply assessment for a proposed rule or
14 recommended policy;

15 (2) An accumulative economic impact assessment for a proposed rule
16 or recommended policy; and

17 (3) An assessment of disproportional impacts of proposed rules.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 76.09 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 The department of natural resources shall study and develop
21 recommendations to:

22 (1) Encourage continuance of small landowners' reforestation;

23 (2) Ensure complete use of harvested wood and wood fiber; and

24 (3) Develop an incentive program for forest parcels of less than
25 one hundred acres.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The senate committee on natural resources
27 and the house of representatives natural resources committee shall
28 review and report to the legislature on the following issues:

29 (1) Laws that restrict intensive forest management;

30 (2) Set-aside impacts on small landownerships of less than one
31 hundred acres; and

32 (3) The authority and makeup of the forest practices board, set out
33 under chapter 76.09 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The board of natural resources shall assess
2 the economic effects of declining state trust land timber harvests and
3 levels of management for each of the state trusts. The assessment
4 shall include data for the 1986 through 1993 period, and shall include
5 recommendations to increase harvest and income levels. The findings of
6 this assessment shall be reported to the legislature by December 31,
7 1994.

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