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1 AN ACT Relating to forestry; adding a new section to chapter 76.09
2 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 76.04 RCW; and creating new
3 sections.

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

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

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

16 (1) The forest practices board shall develop and adopt rules that
17 seek to assist forest landowners of small parcels. For the purposes of

1 this section, "small parcels" means an area of land under one hundred
2 acres.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The forest practices board shall conduct
8 a study, in conjunction with the department of natural resources, on
9 the issue of applied forest genetics, and develop state-wide rules to
10 assist all forest landowners to produce more timber.

11 (2) The forest practices board, in cooperation with small
12 landowners shall, by December 1, 1994, review current rules and
13 policies to further develop a special set of rules for small landowners
14 that would encourage continued and more intensive forestry on that
15 land. For the purposes of this section, "small landowners" means
16 owners of parcels that are one hundred acres or less.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 76.04 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For all rules adopted under the authority of the department of
20 natural resources or the forest resources board, there is required:

21 (1) A commodity supply assessment for a rule or recommended policy;
22 and

23 (2) An accumulative economic impact assessment for a rule or
24 recommended policy.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 76.04 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) The department of natural resources shall study and develop
28 recommendations to:

29 (a) Encourage continuance of small landowners' reforestation;

30 (b) Ensure complete use of harvested wood and wood fiber; and

31 (c) Develop an incentive program for forest parcels of less than
32 one hundred acres.

33 (2) The department of natural resources shall review and report to
34 the legislature the status of the following issues:

35 (a) Laws that restrict intensive forest management;

36 (b) The forest tax program;

1 (c) Set-aside impacts on small landownerships of less than one
2 hundred acres; and
3 (d) The authority and makeup of the forest practices board, set out
4 under chapter 76.09 RCW.

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