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3 By Representative Buck

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in the early
8 1900's and up through the 1930's, counties took possession of a number
9 of forest land parcels as a result of tax delinquencies. In many
10 cases, the timber had already been harvested from these lands prior to
11 the forfeiture of the property to the counties. Since that time, the
12 department of natural resources has reforested and managed these lands
13 in conjunction with the state trust lands. Given changes in forest
14 practices, recent fluctuation in income from the forest board lands,
15 and questions about the management of the department of natural
16 resources, the legislature directs that a study of the policies and an
17 analysis of economic elements of the management of state forest board
18 lands be conducted by the legislative budget committee, in consultation
19 with the Washington state members of western states legislatures
20 forestry task force and the chairs of the senate and house of
21 representatives committees on natural resources.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The study under section 1 of this act shall
23 include elements such as the following:

24 (1) The role of forest board lands in the state's sustained yield
25 calculations and the effect of removing all or part of those lands on
26 income, yield, and management policies;

27 (2) The economic and forest practice implications of separating the
28 forest board lands from the total lands managed by the department of
29 natural resources;

30 (3) The effects of a transfer on public access, recreation, and the
31 management of other public and private lands;

32 (4) A comparison of forest management procedures and costs between
33 Grays Harbor county and similar forest board and state trust lands; and

34 (5) An examination of the best possible methods and procedures to
35 transfer board lands to the counties.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The findings of the study, along with
2 recommendations to the legislature, shall be submitted to the
3 appropriate standing committees of the legislature by December 31,
4 1996.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
6 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,
7 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void."

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