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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1985

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55th Legislature 1997 Regular Session

FOREST PRACTICES LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PLAN PILOT PROJECTS

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Passed by the House March 15, 1997 Yeas 95 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 14, 1997 Yeas 35 Nays 0

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1985** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

BOB MORTON

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Buck, Regala, Sump, Pennington, Sheldon, Hatfield, Anderson, Butler and Dyer)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to forest practices landscape management plan pilot
- 2 projects; amending RCW 76.09.060, 75.20.100, and 76.09.220; adding new
- 3 sections to chapter 76.09 RCW; and creating a new section.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 76.09 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 The legislature recognizes the importance of providing the greatest
- 8 diversity of habitats, particularly riparian, wetland, and old growth
- 9 habitats, and of assuring the greatest diversity of species within
- 10 those habitats for the survival and reproduction of enough individuals
- 11 to maintain the native wildlife of Washington forest lands. The
- 12 legislature also recognizes the importance of long-term habitat
- 13 productivity for natural and wild fish, for the protection of hatchery
- 14 water supplies, and for the protection of water quality and quantity to
- 15 meet the needs of people, fish, and wildlife. The legislature
- 16 recognizes the importance of maintaining and enhancing fish and
- 17 wildlife habitats capable of sustaining the commercial and
- 18 noncommercial uses of fish and wildlife. The legislature further
- 19 recognizes the importance of the continued growth and development of

1 the state's forest products industry which has a vital stake in the 2 long-term productivity of both the public and private forest land base.

3 The development of a landscape planning system would help achieve 4 Landowners and resource managers should be provided 5 incentives to voluntarily develop long-term multispecies landscape management plans that will provide protection to public resources. 6 7 Because landscape planning represents a departure from the use of 8 standard baseline rules and may result in unintended consequences to 9 both the affected habitats and to a landowner's economic interests, the 10 legislature desires to establish up to seven experimental pilot programs to gain experience with landscape planning that may prove 11 useful in fashioning legislation of a more general application. 12

- (1) Until December 31, 2000, the department in cooperation with the department of fish and wildlife, and the department of ecology when relating to water quality protection, is granted authority to select not more than seven pilot projects for the purpose of developing individual landowner multispecies landscape management plans.
- (a) Pilot project participants must be selected by the department in cooperation with the department of fish and wildlife, and the department of ecology when relating to water quality protection, no later than October 1, 1997.
 - (b) The number and the location of the pilot projects are to be determined by the department in cooperation with the department of fish and wildlife, and the department of ecology when relating to water quality protection, and should be selected on the basis of risk to the habitat and species, variety and importance of species and habitats in the planning area, geographic distribution, surrounding ownership, other ongoing landscape and watershed planning activities in the area, potential benefits to water quantity and quality, financial and staffing capabilities of participants, and other factors that will contribute to the creation of landowner multispecies landscape planning efforts.
- 33 (c) Each pilot project shall have a landscape management plan with 34 the following elements:
- 35 (i) An identification of public resources selected for coverage 36 under the plan and measurable objectives for the protection of the 37 selected public resources;
 - (ii) A termination date of not later than 2050;

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- 1 (iii) A general description of the planning area including its 2 geographic location, physical and biological features, habitats, and 3 species known to be present;
- 4 (iv) An identification of the existing forest practices rules that 5 will not apply during the term of the plan;
 - (v) Proposed habitat management strategies or prescriptions;
- 7 (vi) A projection of the habitat conditions likely to result from 8 the implementation of the specified management strategies or 9 prescriptions;
- 10 (vii) An assessment of habitat requirements and the current habitat 11 conditions of representative species included in the plan;
- 12 (viii) An assessment of potential or likely impacts to 13 representative species resulting from the prescribed forest practices;
- 14 (ix) A description of the anticipated benefits to those species or 15 other species as a result of plan implementation;
- 16 (x) A monitoring plan;

- 17 (xi) Reporting requirements including a schedule for review of the 18 plan's performance in meeting its objectives;
- 19 (xii) Conditions under which a plan may be modified, including a 20 procedure for adaptive management;
- 21 (xiii) Conditions under which a plan may be terminated;
- (xiv) A procedure for adaptive management that evaluates the effectiveness of the plan to meet its measurable public resources objectives, reflects changes in the best available science, and provides changes to its habitat management strategies, prescriptions, and hydraulic project standards to the extent agreed to in the plan and in a timely manner and schedule;
- 28 (xv) A description of how the plan relates to publicly available 29 plans of adjacent federal, state, tribal, and private timberland 30 owners; and
- 31 (xvi) A statement of whether the landowner intends to apply for 32 approval of the plan under applicable federal law.
- 33 (2) Until December 31, 2000, the department, in agreement with the 34 department of fish and wildlife, and the department of ecology when the 35 landowner elects to cover water quality in the plan, shall approve a 36 landscape management plan and enter into a binding implementation 37 agreement with the landowner when such departments find, based upon the 38 best scientific data available, that:

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- 1 (a) The plan contains all of the elements required under this 2 section including measurable public resource objectives;
- 3 (b) The plan is expected to be effective in meeting those 4 objectives;
- 5 (c) The landowner has sufficient financial resources to implement 6 the management strategies or prescriptions to be implemented by the 7 landowner under the plan;
 - (d) The plan will:

- 9 (i) Provide better protection than current state law for the public 10 resources selected for coverage under the plan considered in the 11 aggregate; and
- 12 (ii) Compared to conditions that could result from compliance with 13 current state law:
- (A) Not result in poorer habitat conditions over the life of the plan for any species selected for coverage that is listed as threatened or endangered under federal or state law, or that has been identified as a candidate for such listing, at the time the plan is approved; and
- 18 (B) Measurably improve habitat conditions for species selected for 19 special consideration under the plan;
- (e) The plan shall include watershed analysis or provide for a level of protection that meets or exceeds the protection that would be provided by watershed analysis, if the landowner selects fish or water quality as a public resource to be covered under the plan. Any alternative process to watershed analysis would be subject to timely peer review;
- (f) The planning process provides for a public participation process during the development of the plan, which shall be developed by the department in cooperation with the landowner.

29 The management plans must be submitted to the department and the 30 department of fish and wildlife, and the department of ecology when the landowner elects to cover water quality in the plan, no later than 31 March 1, 2000. The department shall provide an opportunity for public 32 33 comment on the proposed plan. The comment period shall not be less than forty-five days. The department shall approve or reject plans 34 35 within one hundred twenty days of submittal by the landowner of a final plan. The decision by the department, in agreement with the department 36 37 of fish and wildlife, and the department of ecology when the landowner has elected to cover water quality in the plan, to approve or 38 39 disapprove the management plan is subject to the environmental review

- 1 process of chapter 43.21C RCW, provided that any public comment period
- $2\,\,$ provided for under chapter 43.21C RCW shall run concurrently with the
- 3 public comment period provided in this subsection (2).

- (3) After a landscape management plan is adopted:
- (a) Forest practices consistent with the plan need not comply with:
- 6 (i) The specific forest practices rules identified in the plan; and
- 7 (ii) Any forest practice rules and policies adopted after the 8 approval of the plan to the extent that the rules:
- 9 (A) Have been adopted primarily for the protection of a public 10 resource selected for coverage under the plan; or
- 11 (B) Provide for procedural or administrative obligations 12 inconsistent with or in addition to those provided for in the plan with 13 respect to those public resources; and
- (b) If the landowner has selected fish as one of the public resources to be covered under the plan, the plan shall serve as the hydraulic project approval for the life of the plan, in compliance with RCW 75.20.100.
- (4) The department is authorized to issue a single landscape level 18 19 permit valid for the life of the plan to a landowner who has an 20 approved landscape management plan and who has requested a landscape permit from the department. Landowners receiving a landscape level 21 permit shall meet annually with the department and the department of 22 fish and wildlife, and the department of ecology where water quality 23 24 has been selected as a public resource to be covered under the plan, to 25 review the specific forest practices activities planned for the next twelve months and to determine whether such activities are in 26 27 with the plan. The departments will consult with the compliance affected Indian tribes and other interested parties who have expressed 28 29 an interest in connection with the review. The landowner is to provide 30 ten calendar days' notice to the department prior to the commencement of any forest practices authorized under a landscape level permit. The 31 landscape level permit will not impose additional conditions relating 32 33 to the public resources selected for coverage under the plan beyond 34 those agreed to in the plan. For the purposes of chapter 43.21C RCW, 35 forest practices conducted in compliance with an approved plan are deemed not to have the potential for a substantial impact on the 36 37 environment as to any public resource selected for coverage under the plan. 38

- (5) Except as otherwise provided in a plan, the agreement 1 2 implementing the landscape management plan is an agreement that runs with the property covered by the approved landscape management plan and 3 4 the department shall record notice of the plan in the real property 5 records of the counties in which the affected properties are located. Prior to its termination, no plan shall permit forest land covered by 6 7 its terms to be withdrawn from such coverage, whether by sale, 8 exchange, or other means, nor to be converted to nonforestry uses 9 except to the extent that such withdrawal or conversion would not 10 measurably impair the achievement of the plan's stated public resource objectives. If a participant transfers all or part of its interest in 11 the property, the terms of the plan still apply to the new landowner 12 13 for the plan's stated duration unless the plan is terminated under its 14 terms or unless the plan specifies the conditions under which the 15 terms of the plan do not apply to the new landowner.
 - (6) The departments of natural resources, fish and wildlife, and ecology shall seek to develop memorandums of agreements with federal agencies and affected Indian tribes relating to tribal issues in the landscape management plans. The departments shall solicit input from affected Indian tribes in connection with the selection, review, and approval of any landscape management plan. If any recommendation is received from an affected Indian tribe and is not adopted by the departments, the departments shall provide a written explanation of their reasons for not adopting the recommendation.
- 25 (7) The department is directed to report to the forest practices 26 board annually through the year 2000, but no later than December 31st 27 of each year, on the status of each pilot project. The department is directed to provide to the forest practices board, no later than 28 29 December 31, 2000, an evaluation of the pilot projects including a 30 determination if a permanent landscape planning process should be 31 established along with a discussion of what legislative and rule modifications are necessary. 32
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 76.09 RCW to read as follows:
- The department together with the department of fish and wildlife, and the department of ecology relating to water quality protection, shall develop a suitable process to permit landowners to secure all permits required for the conduct of forest practices in a single

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- 1 multiyear permit to be jointly issued by the departments and the
- 2 departments shall report their findings to the legislature not later
- 3 than December 31, 2000.
- 4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 76.09.060 and 1993 c 443 s 4 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1) The department shall prescribe the form and contents of the 7 notification and application. The forest practices rules shall specify
- 8 by whom and under what conditions the notification and application
- 9 shall be signed or otherwise certified as acceptable. The application
- 10 or notification shall be delivered in person to the department, sent by
- 11 first class mail to the department or electronically filed in a form
- 12 defined by the department. The form for electronic filing shall be
- 13 readily convertible to a paper copy, which shall be available to the
- 14 public pursuant to chapter 42.17 RCW. The information required may
- 15 include, but is not limited to:
- 16 (a) Name and address of the forest landowner, timber owner, and 17 operator;
- 18 (b) Description of the proposed forest practice or practices to be 19 conducted;
- (c) Legal description of the land on which the forest practices are to be conducted;
- 22 (d) Planimetric and topographic maps showing location and size of 23 all lakes and streams and other public waters in and immediately
- 24 adjacent to the operating area and showing all existing and proposed
- 25 roads and major tractor roads;
- 26 (e) Description of the silvicultural, harvesting, or other forest
- 27 practice methods to be used, including the type of equipment to be used
- 28 and materials to be applied;
- 29 (f) Proposed plan for reforestation and for any revegetation
- 30 necessary to reduce erosion potential from roadsides and yarding roads,
- 31 as required by the forest practices rules;
- 32 (g) Soil, geological, and hydrological data with respect to forest
- 33 practices;
- 34 (h) The expected dates of commencement and completion of all forest
- 35 practices specified in the application;
- 36 (i) Provisions for continuing maintenance of roads and other
- 37 construction or other measures necessary to afford protection to public
- 38 resources;

- 1 (j) An affirmation that the statements contained in the 2 notification or application are true; and
 - (k) All necessary application or notification fees.
- 4 (2) Long range plans may be submitted to the department for review 5 and consultation.
- 6 (3) The application for a forest practice or the notification of a 7 class II forest practice shall indicate whether any land covered by the 8 application or notification will be converted or is intended to be 9 converted to a use other than commercial timber production within three 10 years after completion of the forest practices described in it.
- 11 (a) If the application states that any such land will be or is 12 intended to be so converted:
- (i) The reforestation requirements of this chapter and of the forest practices rules shall not apply if the land is in fact so converted unless applicable alternatives or limitations are provided in forest practices rules issued under RCW 76.09.070 as now or hereafter amended;
- (ii) Completion of such forest practice operations shall be deemed conversion of the lands to another use for purposes of chapters 84.33 and 84.34 RCW unless the conversion is to a use permitted under a current use tax agreement permitted under chapter 84.34 RCW;
- (iii) The forest practices described in the application are subject to applicable county, city, town, and regional governmental authority permitted under RCW 76.09.240 as now or hereafter amended as well as the forest practices rules.
- 26 (b) If the application or notification does not state that any land 27 covered by the application or notification will be or is intended to be 28 so converted:
- (i) For six years after the date of the application the county, city, town, and regional governmental entities may deny any or all applications for permits or approvals, including building permits and subdivision approvals, relating to nonforestry uses of land subject to the application;
- (ii) Failure to comply with the reforestation requirements contained in any final order or decision shall constitute a removal of designation under the provisions of RCW 84.33.140, and a change of use under the provisions of RCW 84.34.080, and, if applicable, shall subject such lands to the payments and/or penalties resulting from such removals or changes; and

(iii) Conversion to a use other than commercial timber operations within three years after completion of the forest practices without the consent of the county, city, or town shall constitute a violation of each of the county, municipal city, town, and regional authorities to which the forest practice operations would have been subject if the application had so stated.

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- (c) The application or notification shall be either signed by the landowner or accompanied by a statement signed by the landowner indicating his or her intent with respect to conversion acknowledging that he or she is familiar with the effects of this subsection.
- 12 (4) Whenever an approved application authorizes a forest practice 13 which, because of soil condition, proximity to a water course or other unusual factor, has a potential for causing material damage to a public 14 15 resource, as determined by the department, the applicant shall, when requested on the approved application, notify the department two days 16 before the commencement of actual operations. 17
- (5) Before the operator commences any forest practice in a manner 18 19 or to an extent significantly different from that described in a previously approved application or notification, there shall be 20 submitted to the department a new application or notification form in 21 the manner set forth in this section. 22
- (6) Except as provided in section 1(4) of this act, the 23 24 notification to or the approval given by the department to an 25 application to conduct a forest practice shall be effective for a term 26 of two years from the date of approval or notification and shall not be 27 renewed unless a new application is filed and approved or a new notification has been filed. At the option of the applicant, an 29 application or notification may be submitted to cover a single forest 30 practice or a number of forest practices within reasonable geographic or political boundaries as specified by the department. An application or notification that covers more than one forest practice may have an 32 effective term of more than two years. The board shall adopt rules 33 that establish standards and procedures for approving an application or 34 notification that has an effective term of more than two years. Such rules shall include extended time periods for application or 36 37 notification approval or disapproval. On an approved application with a term of more than two years, the applicant shall inform the 38 39 department before commencing operations.

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1 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no prior 2 application or notification shall be required for any emergency forest 3 practice necessitated by fire, flood, windstorm, earthquake, or other 4 emergency as defined by the board, but the operator shall submit an 5 application or notification, whichever is applicable, to the department 6 within forty-eight hours after commencement of such practice.

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 75.20.100 and 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 30 are each amended to 8 read as follows:

In the event that any person or government agency desires to 9 construct any form of hydraulic project or perform other work that will 10 11 use, divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or bed of any of the 12 salt or fresh waters of the state, such person or government agency 13 shall, before commencing construction or work thereon and to ensure the 14 proper protection of fish life, secure the written approval of the 15 department as to the adequacy of the means proposed for the protection of fish life. This approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. 16 Except as provided in RCW 75.20.1001 ((and 75.20.1002)), the department 17 18 shall grant or deny approval within forty-five calendar days of the receipt of a complete application and notice of compliance with any 19 applicable requirements of the state environmental policy act, made in 20 the manner prescribed in this section. 21 The applicant may document receipt of application by filing in person or by registered mail. A 22 23 complete application for approval shall contain general plans for the 24 overall project, complete plans and specifications of the proposed 25 construction or work within the mean higher high water line in salt water or within the ordinary high water line in fresh water, and 26 27 complete plans and specifications for the proper protection of fish The forty-five day requirement shall be suspended if (1) after 28 29 ten working days of receipt of the application, the applicant remains 30 unavailable or unable to arrange for a timely field evaluation of the proposed project; (2) the site is physically inaccessible for 31 inspection; or (3) the applicant requests delay. Immediately upon 32 33 determination that the forty-five day period is suspended, the 34 department shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the delay. Approval is valid for a period of up to five years from date of 35 36 issuance. The permittee must demonstrate substantial progress on construction of that portion of the project relating to the approval 37 within two years of the date of issuance. If the department denies 38

approval, the department shall provide the applicant, in writing, a 2 statement of the specific reasons why and how the proposed project would adversely affect fish life. Protection of fish life shall be the 3 only ground upon which approval may be denied or conditioned. Chapter 4 34.05 RCW applies to any denial of project approval, conditional 5 approval, or requirements for project modification upon which approval 6 7 may be contingent. If any person or government agency commences 8 construction on any hydraulic works or projects subject to this section 9 without first having obtained written approval of the department as to 10 the adequacy of the means proposed for the protection of fish life, or if any person or government agency fails to follow or carry out any of 11 12 the requirements or conditions as are made a part of such approval, the 13 person or director of the agency is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. If any such person or government agency is convicted of violating any of 14 15 the provisions of this section and continues construction on any such 16 works or projects without fully complying with the provisions hereof, 17 such works or projects are hereby declared a public nuisance and shall be subject to abatement as such. 18

For the purposes of this section and RCW 75.20.103, "bed" shall mean the land below the ordinary high water lines of state waters. This definition shall not include irrigation ditches, canals, storm water run-off devices, or other artificial watercourses except where they exist in a natural watercourse that has been altered by man.

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The phrase "to construct any form of hydraulic project or perform other work" shall not include the act of driving across an established ford. Driving across streams or on wetted stream beds at areas other than established fords requires approval. Work within the ordinary high water line of state waters to construct or repair a ford or crossing requires approval.

In case of an emergency arising from weather or stream flow conditions or other natural conditions, the department, through its authorized representatives, shall issue immediately upon request oral approval for removing any obstructions, repairing existing structures, restoring stream banks, or to protect property threatened by the stream or a change in the stream flow without the necessity of obtaining a written approval prior to commencing work. Conditions of an oral approval shall be reduced to writing within thirty days and complied with as provided for in this section. Oral approval shall be granted

1 immediately upon request, for a stream crossing during an emergency 2 situation.

3 This section shall not apply to the construction of any form of 4 hydraulic project or other work which diverts water for agricultural 5 irrigation or stock watering purposes authorized under or recognized as being valid by the state's water codes, or when such hydraulic project 6 7 or other work is associated with streambank stabilization to protect 8 farm and agricultural land as defined in RCW 84.34.020. 9 irrigation or stock watering diversion and streambank stabilization 10 projects shall be governed by RCW 75.20.103.

A landscape management plan approved by the department and the department of natural resources under section 1(2) of this act, shall serve as a hydraulic project approval for the life of the plan if fish are selected as one of the public resources for coverage under such a plan.

- 16 **Sec. 5.** RCW 76.09.220 and 1989 c 175 s 164 are each amended to 17 read as follows:
- 18 (1) The appeals board shall operate on either a part-time or a 19 full-time basis, as determined by the governor. If it is determined that the appeals board shall operate on a full-time basis, each member 20 shall receive an annual salary to be determined by the governor. If it 21 22 is determined that the appeals board shall operate on a part-time 23 basis, each member shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 24 43.03.240((+ PROVIDED, That)). However, such compensation shall not 25 exceed ten thousand dollars in a fiscal year. Each member shall receive reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in the discharge of 26 his duties in accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.050 and 27 43.03.060. 28
- 29 (2) The appeals board shall as soon as practicable after the 30 initial appointment of the members thereof, meet and elect from among 31 its members a ((chairman)) chair, and shall at least biennially 32 thereafter meet and elect or reelect a ((chairman)) chair.
- 33 (3) The principal office of the appeals board shall be at the state 34 capital, but it may sit or hold hearings at any other place in the 35 state. A majority of the appeals board shall constitute a quorum for 36 making orders or decisions, promulgating rules and regulations 37 necessary for the conduct of its powers and duties, or transacting 38 other official business, and may act though one position on the board

- be vacant. One or more members may hold hearings and take testimony to 1 2 be reported for action by the board when authorized by rule or order of 3 the board. The appeals board shall perform all the powers and duties 4 granted to it in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.
- 5 (4) The appeals board shall make findings of fact and prepare a written decision in each case decided by it, and such findings and 7 decision shall be effective upon being signed by two or more members 8 and upon being filed at the appeals board's principal office, and shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times.

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- 10 (5) The appeals board shall either publish at its expense or make arrangements with a publishing firm for the publication of those of its 11 findings and decisions which are of general public interest, in such 12 form as to assure reasonable distribution thereof. 13
 - (6) The appeals board shall maintain at its principal office a journal which shall contain all official actions of the appeals board, with the exception of findings and decisions, together with the vote of each member on such actions. The journal shall be available for public inspection at the principal office of the appeals board at all reasonable times.
- 20 (7) The forest practices appeals board shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear appeals arising from an action or determination by 21 the department, and the department of fish and wildlife, and the 22 department of ecology with respect to management plans provided for 23 24 under section 1 of this act.
 - (8)(a) Any person aggrieved by the approval or disapproval of an application to conduct a forest practice or the approval or disapproval of any landscape plan or permit may seek review from the appeals board by filing a request for the same within thirty days of the approval or disapproval. Concurrently with the filing of any request for review with the board as provided in this section, the requestor shall file a copy of his or her request with the department and the attorney The attorney general may intervene to protect the public interest and ((insure)) ensure that the provisions of this chapter are complied with.
- 35 (b) The review proceedings authorized in ((subparagraph)) (a) of this subsection are subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW 36 37 pertaining to procedures in adjudicative proceedings.

- 1 *NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If specific funding for purposes of this
- 2 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
- 3 June 30, 1997, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
- 4 void.
- 5 *Sec. 6 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

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Approved by the Governor May 9, 1997, with the exception of certain items that were vetoed.

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- 1 Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:
- "I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 6, 3 Substitute House Bill No. 1985 entitled:
- "AN ACT Relating to forest practices landscape management plan
 pilot projects;"
- 6 Section 6 of SHB 1985 contains a "null and void" clause, making 7 this bill contingent upon funding being provided in the budget. The
- 8 budget does contain full funding for implementation of this bill.
- 9 However, approximately 65% of the funding requested by the agencies is
- 10 provided in the budget. I believe that with good, efficient work, the
- 11 majority of the important pilot projects authorized by this legislation
- 12 can be completed with the limited funding.
- For this reason, I have vetoed section 6 of Substitute House Bill No. 1985.
- With the exception of section 6, I am approving Substitute House 16 Bill No. 1985."