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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Rockefeller, Ericksen, Barlean, Jackley, Doumit, Eickmeyer, Linville, Haigh and Esser)

Brief Description: Allowing for the conveyance of certain forest board transfer lands to protect municipal drinking water supplies.

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Finds that it is in the public interest to allow certain forest board transfer lands to be reconveyed to a county if the county can demonstrate that such a reconveyance will result in enhanced protection of the source of municipal drinking water within their county.

Requires that all lands reconveyed under RCW 76.12.072 for the protection of the municipal drinking water source shall be managed under watershed-specific forest management plans that are adopted by affected municipalities and approved by the department of health under chapter 246-290 WAC.

Establishes an advisory committee to develop standards for the development of watershed-specific forest management plans that are designed to protect sources of municipal drinking water.

Requires the committee to report its recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees by January 1, 2002.