

**SHB 2573** - H AMD to H AMD (H-5292.2/04)  
By Representative Orcutt

1 On page 82 of the amendment, after line 7, insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 920.** (1) The legislature finds that the  
4 department of natural resources manages state forests consistent  
5 with the forest practices rules, habitat conservation plans, and  
6 under a sustained yield harvest plan. The forest management  
7 required by these constraints necessarily means that wood products  
8 originating from state forests are managed consistent with advanced  
9 principles of sustainable forestry stewardship that meet or exceed  
10 the environmental and social standards of most public and private  
11 timber growing operations in both the nation and the world. As  
12 such, the state of Washington should aggressively market its wood  
13 products to end consumers and product manufacturers that are  
14 concerned with the forest practices used to grow the timber they  
15 are choosing to purchase.

16 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
17 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

18 (a) "Board" means the board of natural resources.

19 (b) "Council" means the evergreen sustainable forestry council  
20 created in subsection 3 of this act.

21 (c) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

22 (d) "Small forest landowner" has the same meaning as defined in  
23 RCW 76.09.450.

24 (3)(a) The evergreen sustainable forestry council is created.  
25 The council is comprised of:

26 (i) The commissioner of public lands, or the commissioner's  
27 designee;

28 (ii) The governor, or the governor's designee;

29 (iii) The superintendent of public instruction, or the  
30 superintendent's designee;

1 (iv) A designee representing the state university system,  
2 appointed by the governor;

3 (v) A designee representing those counties that contain state  
4 forest lands, appointed by the governor;

5 (vi) Two owners or operators of private commercial timberland,  
6 appointed by the governor, one being a small forest landowner;

7 (vii) Two members of the house of representatives from  
8 different political parties, appointed by the speaker of the house  
9 of representatives; and

10 (viii) Two members of the senate from different political  
11 parties, appointed by the president of the senate.

12 (b) Staff to the council shall be provided by the department.

13 (4) The council shall designate timber that satisfies the  
14 standards of this chapter as "evergreen certified." The council  
15 shall develop and implement a marketing plan for evergreen  
16 certified wood products. The goal of this plan is to:

17 (a) Educate wood purchasers about the environmental stewardship  
18 and sustainable forest practices involved in the planting, growing,  
19 and harvesting of evergreen certified wood;

20 (b) Promote evergreen certified wood in the marketplace as an  
21 alternative to the recognition of other third-party sustainable  
22 forestry certification organizations; and

23 (c) Develop a niche market for evergreen certified wood that  
24 will bring a premium price to the producers of evergreen certified  
25 wood.

26 (5) Timber produced on public lands in Washington shall be  
27 designated as "evergreen certified" by the council if the timber  
28 satisfies the following criteria:

29 (a) The timber was managed in compliance with the forest  
30 practices rules adopted under chapter 76.09 RCW;

31 (b) The timber was managed in compliance with any habitat  
32 conservation plan agreed to by the department and the federal  
33 government; and

34 (c) The timber was harvested pursuant to a sustainable harvest  
35 plan adopted by the board under RCW 79.10.320.

36 (6) Timber produced on private lands in Washington must be  
37 designated as "evergreen certified" by the council if the timber  
38 was managed under the forest practices rules adopted under chapter  
39 76.09 RCW.

1 (7) This section expires June 30, 2005."  
2 Renumber remaining sections consecutively, correct internal  
3 references accordingly, and correct the title.

**EFFECT:** Creates the Evergreen Sustainable Forestry Council to market "Evergreen Certified" wood products for the 2003-05 biennium. Evergreen Certified wood is a wood product that originated from private forest lands that were managed pursuant to the Forest Practice Rules, or state-owned forest lands that were managed pursuant to the Forest Practice Rules, a habitat conservation plan, and a sustainable yield harvest rule.