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By Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that trust
4 beneficiaries, rural communities, and sustainable forest harvest
5 management may benefit if wood produced on state-owned forests can be
6 certified as sustainable and marketed as such. It is the intent of
7 this legislation to provide the legislature, the board of natural
8 resources, and other interested parties with the information that will
9 allow for an informed decision on this policy question.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of natural resources
11 shall prepare a report for the legislature and the board of natural
12 resources that identifies:

13 (a) What changes to the current state forest management practices,
14 including the provisions of any applicable habitat conservation plans,
15 need to be implemented for state-managed forests to achieve third-party
16 sustainable forestry certification under the standards of up to two
17 major sustainable forestry certification organizations;

18 (b) What added changes in operational costs would be associated
19 with the changes in management practices necessary to achieve
20 certifications;

21 (c) Whether and how the preferred sustainable harvest level
22 alternative identified by the board of natural resources would satisfy
23 the state's responsibilities;

24 (d) How the preferred sustainable harvest level calculation
25 identified by the board of natural resources increases or decreases the
26 cost of compliance with the standards of major sustainable forestry
27 certification organizations; and

28 (e) Both the long-term and short-term costs and benefits to each of

1 the federally granted trusts and to the legislatively created state
2 forest lands.

3 (2) The department of natural resources shall complete its report
4 and submit it to the board of natural resources and the appropriate
5 standing committees of the legislature no later than January 1, 2005.

6 (3) The department of natural resources shall make copies of the
7 report available to any interested party who wishes to review and
8 comment on the report.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires July 1, 2005."

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10 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "land;" strike the remainder
11 of the title and insert "creating new sections; and providing an
12 expiration date."

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