Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Rockefeller, Schoesler, Orcutt and Linville; by request of Commissioner of Public Lands)

Brief Description: Authorizing the department of natural resources to enter contracts that indemnify another party against loss or damage.

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## (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/24/03)

Provides that, subject to the limitations of RCW 4.24.115, the department, in the exercise of any of its powers, may include in any authorized contract a provision for indemnifying the other contracting party against loss or damages.

Requires that, when executing a right of way or easement contract over private land that involves forest management activities, the department shall indemnify the private landowner if the landowner does not receive a direct benefit from the contract.

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