

5298-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water
(originally sponsored by Senators Morton and Doumit; by request of
Commissioner of Public Lands)

Brief Description: Limiting the impact on small forest landowners
caused by forest road maintenance and abandonment requirements.
Revised for 1st Substitute: Defining a "small forest landowner" for
the purposes of chapter 76.09 RCW.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that chapter 4, Laws of 1999 sp. sess. strongly encouraged the forest practices board to adopt administrative rules that were substantially similar to the recommendations presented to the legislature in the form of the forests and fish report. In the time since the enactment of chapter 4, Laws of 1999 sp. sess., it has become clear that both the planning aspect and the implementation aspect of the road maintenance and abandonment plan requirement may cause an unforeseen and unintended disproportionate financial hardship on small forest landowners.