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By House Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives VanDeWege, Kessler, Moeller, Sells, Hunt, Takko, McCoy, Liias, Conway, Haigh, Blake, Ormsby, Loomis, O'Brien, Eickmeyer, Hasegawa, Green, Pearson, and Nelson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the composition of the forest practices board;
2 and amending RCW 76.09.030.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 76.09.030 and 2003 c 39 s 32 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created the forest practices board of the state
7 of Washington as an agency of state government consisting of members as
8 follows:

9 (a) The commissioner of public lands or the commissioner's
10 designee;

11 (b) The director of the department of community, trade, and
12 economic development or the director's designee;

13 (c) The director of the department of agriculture or the director's
14 designee;

15 (d) The director of the department of ecology or the director's
16 designee;

17 (e) The director of the department of fish and wildlife or the
18 director's designee;

1 (f) An elected member of a county legislative authority appointed
2 by the governor: PROVIDED, That such member's service on the board
3 shall be conditioned on the member's continued service as an elected
4 county official; (~~and~~)

5 (g) One member representing a timber products union, appointed by
6 the governor from a list of three names submitted by a timber labor
7 coalition affiliated with a statewide labor organization that
8 represents a majority of the timber product unions in the state; and

9 (h) Six members of the general public appointed by the governor,
10 one of whom shall be (~~an owner of not more than five hundred acres of~~
11 ~~forest~~) a small forest landowner who actively manages his or her land,
12 and one of whom shall be an independent logging contractor.

13 (2) The director of the department of fish and wildlife's service
14 on the board may be terminated two years after August 18, 1999, if the
15 legislature finds that after two years the department has not made
16 substantial progress toward integrating the laws, rules, and programs
17 governing forest practices, chapter 76.09 RCW, and the laws, rules, and
18 programs governing hydraulic projects, chapter 77.55 RCW. Such a
19 finding shall be based solely on whether the department of fish and
20 wildlife makes substantial progress as defined in this subsection, and
21 will not be based on other actions taken as a member of the board.
22 Substantial progress shall include recommendations to the legislature
23 for closer integration of the existing rule-making authorities of the
24 board and the department of fish and wildlife, and closer integration
25 of the forest practices and hydraulics permitting processes, including
26 exploring the potential for a consolidated permitting process. These
27 recommendations shall be designed to resolve problems currently
28 associated with the existing dual regulatory and permitting processes.

29 (3) The members of the initial board appointed by the governor
30 shall be appointed so that the term of one member shall expire December
31 31, 1975, the term of one member shall expire December 31, 1976, the
32 term of one member shall expire December 31, 1977, the terms of two
33 members shall expire December 31, 1978, and the terms of two members
34 shall expire December 31, 1979. Thereafter, each member shall be
35 appointed for a term of four years. Vacancies on the board shall be
36 filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Each member of
37 the board shall continue in office until his or her successor is

1 appointed and qualified. The commissioner of public lands or the
2 commissioner's designee shall be the ((~~chairman~~)) chair of the board.

3 (4) The board shall meet at such times and places as shall be
4 designated by the ((~~chairman~~)) chair or upon the written request of the
5 majority of the board. The principal office of the board shall be at
6 the state capital.

7 (5) Members of the board, except public employees and elected
8 officials, shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.250. Each
9 member shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred
10 in the performance of their duties as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and
11 43.03.060.

12 (6) The board may employ such clerical help and staff pursuant to
13 chapter 41.06 RCW as is necessary to carry out its duties.

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