
HOUSE BILL 2910

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1 AN ACT Relating to studying the state's specialized forest
2 products; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A legislative task force on
5 specialized forest products is established, with members as provided in
6 this subsection.

7 (i) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
8 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
9 representatives having served on the house of representatives
10 agriculture and natural resources committee during the 2008 session.

11 (ii) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from each
12 of the two largest caucuses of the senate having served on the senate
13 natural resources, ocean and recreation committee during the 2008
14 session.

15 (iii) The speaker of the house of representatives and the president
16 of the senate shall jointly appoint at least seven members representing
17 county sheriffs, county prosecutors, industrial and small forest
18 landowners, tribes, recreational and professional wood carvers, cedar
19 and specialty wood processors, and other appropriate interests. If

1 possible, individual appointees should be consistent with the
2 membership that served on the specialized forest products work group
3 created in section 2, chapter 392, Laws of 2007.

4 (iv) In addition, the department of natural resources shall
5 cooperate with the task force and maintain a liaison representative who
6 shall serve as a member. The department shall also cooperate with the
7 task force and provide information as the chair of the task force may
8 reasonably request.

9 (b) The task force shall choose its chair from among its
10 legislative membership. The speaker of the house of representatives
11 and the president of the senate shall jointly select one legislative
12 member to convene the initial meeting of the task force.

13 (2) The task force shall review the current specialized forest
14 products statute, chapter 76.48 RCW, as well as applicable theft laws
15 to ensure that the specialized forest products requirements:

16 (a) Provide reasonable tools for law enforcement and reasonably
17 protect landowners from theft;

18 (b) Are not unduly burdensome to harvesters, those possessing or
19 transporting specialized forest products, or cedar or specialty wood
20 processors or buyers;

21 (c) Are clear and may be readily understood by law enforcement and
22 the public; and

23 (d) Are administered and enforced consistently throughout the
24 state.

25 (3) Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the house
26 office of program research and senate committee services.

27 (4) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for
28 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
29 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
30 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
31 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

32 (5) The expenses of the task force shall be paid jointly by the
33 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
34 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
35 and the house executive rules committee, or their successor committees.

36 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations in
37 the form of proposed legislation to the appropriate committees of the

1 legislature by December 1, 2008.

2 (7) This section expires July 31, 2009.

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