
HOUSE BILL 3226

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1 AN ACT Relating to altering the required composition of the forest
2 practices board so that the prerequisites for the forest practices
3 board member appointed to represent the interests of individuals with
4 nonindustrial timber holdings matches other statutory definitions for
5 small forest landowners; and amending RCW 76.09.030.

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

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

9 (1) There is hereby created the forest practices board of the state
10 of Washington as an agency of state government consisting of members as
11 follows:

12 (a) The commissioner of public lands or the commissioner's
13 designee;

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

16 (c) The director of the department of agriculture or the director's
17 designee;

18 (d) The director of the department of ecology or the director's
19 designee;

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

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

7 (g) Six members of the general public appointed by the governor,
8 one of whom shall be (~~an owner of not more than five hundred acres of~~
9 ~~forest land~~) a small forest landowner, and one of whom shall be an
10 independent logging contractor.

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

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

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

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

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

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