
SENATE BILL 5461

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By Senators Morton, Jacobsen, Fraser, Hatfield, Hargrove, Benton, Sheldon and Rasmussen; by request of Department of Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT Relating to continuing the use of contract harvesting for
2 improving forest health on Washington state trust lands; creating a new
3 section; and repealing 2004 c 218 s 10 (uncodified).

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that chapter 218, Laws
6 of 2004 authorized the department of natural resources to utilize
7 contract harvesting for silvicultural treatments to improve forest
8 health on state trust lands, in accordance with RCW 76.06.140 and
9 79.15.540. The legislature further finds that the use of contract
10 harvesting for silvicultural treatments has proven effective and that
11 continued utilization is important to improve and maintain forest
12 health. Therefore, the legislature finds that it is necessary to
13 remove the expiration date for this authority, set for December 31,
14 2007, and to continue the use of contract harvesting for silvicultural
15 treatments to improve forest health on state trust lands.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** 2004 c 218 s 10 (uncodified) is repealed.

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