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By Representatives McEntire, Walsh, and Eslick; by request of Department of Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT Relating to the sale of lands owned by the department of  
2 natural resources; and amending RCW 79.11.340.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.11.340 and 2003 c 334 s 399 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in RCW 79.10.030(2), the department shall  
7 manage and control all lands acquired by the state by escheat, deed  
8 of sale, gift, devise, or under RCW 79.19.010 through 79.19.110,  
9 except such lands that are conveyed or devised to the state for a  
10 particular purpose.

11 (2) (a) When the department determines to sell the lands, they  
12 shall initially be offered for sale either at public auction or  
13 direct sale to public agencies as provided in this chapter.

14 ~~((3) If the lands are not sold at public auction, the))~~ (b) The  
15 department may, with approval of the board, market the lands through  
16 persons licensed under chapter 18.85 RCW or through other  
17 commercially feasible means at a price not lower than the land's  
18 appraised value.

19 ~~((4))~~ (3) Necessary marketing costs may be paid from the sale  
20 proceeds. For the purpose of this subsection, necessary marketing

1 costs include reasonable costs associated with advertising the  
2 property and paying commissions.

3 ~~((5))~~ (4) Proceeds of the sale shall be deposited into the  
4 appropriate fund in the state treasury unless the grantor in any deed  
5 or the testator in case of a devise specifies that the proceeds of  
6 the sale be devoted to a particular purpose.

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