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**SSB 5187** - S AMD **243**

By Senator Van De Wege

**ADOPTED 03/29/2023**

On page 323, line 36, increase the General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2024) by $175,000

On page 323, line 37, increase the General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2025) by $175,000

Adjust the total appropriation accordingly.

On page 330, after line 29, insert the following:

"(29) $175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2024 and $175,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for the department to implement a pilot project to evaluate the costs and benefits of marketing and selling specialty forest products including cedar salvage, alder, and other hardwood products. The pilot project must include: Identifying suitable areas for hardwood or cedar sales within the administrative areas of the Olympic and Pacific Cascade regions, preparing and conducting sales, and evaluating the costs and benefits from conducting the sales.

(a) The pilot project must include an evaluation that:

(i) Determines if revenues from the sales are sufficient to cover the costs of preparing and conducting the sales;

(ii) Identifies and evaluates factors impacting the sales, including regulatory constraints, staffing levels, or other limitations;

(iii) Compares the specialty sales to other timber sales that combine the sale of cedar and hardwoods with other species;

(iv) Evaluates the bidder pool for the pilot sales and other factors that impact the costs and revenues received from the sales; and

(v) Evaluates the current and future prices and market trends for cedar salvage and hardwood species.

(b) The department must work with affected stakeholders and report to the appropriate committees of the legislature with the results of the pilot project and make recommendations for any changes to statute by June 30, 2025."

EFFECT: Provides funding and direction to the Department of Natural Resources for continuing a pilot project for cedar and hardwood timber sales.

EXPENDITURE EFFECT (2023-2025): $350,000 Near General Fund—State/$350,000 Total Funds

FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EXPENDITURE EFFECT: $350,000 Near General Fund—State