
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5157

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By Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Salomon and Chapman)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the direct sale of valuable materials for
2 habitat restoration projects; and amending RCW 79.15.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.15.050 and 2006 c 42 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) ~~((All))~~ Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section,
7 all sales of valuable materials exceeding ~~((twenty-five thousand~~
8 ~~dollars))~~ \$25,000 in appraised value must be at public auction or by
9 sealed bid to the highest bidder, provided that on public lands
10 granted to the state for educational purposes sealed bids may be
11 accepted for sales of timber or stone only.

12 (2) A direct sale of valuable materials may be sold to the
13 applicant for cash at full appraised value without notice or
14 advertising. The board must, by resolution, establish the value
15 amount of a direct sale not to exceed ~~((twenty-five thousand~~
16 ~~dollars))~~ \$25,000 in appraised sale value, and establish procedures
17 to ensure that competitive market prices and accountability are
18 guaranteed.

19 (3) Direct sales of valuable materials up to \$250,000 in
20 appraised value may be sold to entities that are utilizing those

1 valuable materials for habitat restoration projects if the following
2 conditions are met:

3 (a) The department determines the direct sale is in the best
4 interest of the state or the affected trust;

5 (b) The project proponent has all appropriate permits and
6 approvals required for the habitat restoration project;

7 (c) The project proponent submits a report as defined by the
8 department describing how the materials will be used in the habitat
9 restoration project;

10 (d) None of the products may be resold or remanufactured for
11 other uses by the project proponent. Project proponents may use any
12 remaining valuable materials for subsequent habitat restoration
13 projects that meet all of the requirements of this subsection. Any
14 resale or remanufacture of timber is treated as a violation of RCW
15 79.02.320;

16 (e) The department appraises the valuable materials to be sold
17 based on an arms-length market value. For purposes of this
18 subsection, an "arms-length market value" means the cost to acquire
19 similar materials used in aquatic restoration projects within the
20 previous 24 months. If the department is unable to determine an arms-
21 length market value, the appraisal shall be based on the average
22 minimum bid for similar quality logs from the previous 12 months of
23 department products sales contract harvest sort auctions under RCW
24 79.15.540; and

25 (f) The department collects all required fees, including those
26 required in RCW 79.38.050.

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