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SENATE BILL 5157

State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session

By Senators Salomon and Chapman Prefiled 01/07/25.

- AN ACT Relating to the direct sale of valuable materials for 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:
 - (1) ((All)) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, all sales of valuable materials exceeding ((twenty-five thousand dollars)) \$25,000 in appraised value must be at public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder, provided that on public lands granted to the state for educational purposes sealed bids may be accepted for sales of timber or stone only.
- (2) A direct sale of valuable materials may be sold to the applicant for cash at full appraised value without notice or advertising. The board must, by resolution, establish the value amount of a direct sale not to exceed ((twenty-five thousand dollars)) \$25,000 in appraised sale value, and establish procedures to ensure that competitive market prices and accountability are guaranteed.
- 19 <u>(3) (a) Direct sales of valuable materials up to \$250,000 in</u> 20 <u>appraised value may be sold to entities that are utilizing those</u>

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

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- (i) The department determines the direct sale is in the best interest of the state or the affected trust;
- 5 <u>(ii) The project proponent has all appropriate permits and</u> 6 <u>approvals required for the habitat restoration project;</u>
 - (iii) The project proponent submits a report as defined by the department describing how the materials will be used in the habitat restoration project; and
- (iv) None of the products may be resold or remanufactured for other uses by the project proponent. Any resale or remanufacture of timber is treated as a violation of RCW 79.02.320.
- 13 (b) If a purchaser plans to stockpile valuable materials for
 14 subsequent purchase by project proponents that meet the requirements
 15 of (a) of this subsection, the department may sell valuable materials
 16 to the purchaser subject to rules established by the department to
 17 ensure the materials are used exclusively for eligible habitat
 18 restoration projects.

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