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By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Brumsickle, Chappell, Buck, Cairnes, Sheldon, Honeyford, McMorris, Morris, Kessler, Delvin, Basich, Fuhrman, Regala, Schoesler, Mastin, Elliot, Johnson, D. Sommers, Boldt, Thompson and McMahan)

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1 AN ACT Relating to habitat conservation plans; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 76.09 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 76.09 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Forest practices consistent with a habitat conservation plan
7 approved on or before the effective date of this act, by the secretary
8 of the interior or commerce under 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq., and the
9 endangered species act of 1973 as amended, shall be exempt from rules
10 and policies under this chapter, provided the proposed forest practices
11 indicated in the application are in compliance with the plan, and
12 provided this exemption applies only to rules and policies adopted
13 primarily for the protection of one or more species, including unlisted
14 species, covered by the plan. Such forest practices do not have the
15 potential for a substantial impact on the environment but may be found
16 to have the potential for a substantial impact on the environment due
17 to other reasons under RCW 76.09.050.

1 Nothing in this section is intended to limit the board's rule-
2 making authority under this chapter.

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