

1 **ESSB 5555** - H AMDS TO TED COMM AMD (5555-S.E AMH TED H2815.1) **610**
2 **ADOPTED 4-19-91**
3 By Representatives Cantwell, Forner and Sheldon

4 On page 16, after line 2 of the striking amendment, insert the
5 following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter
7 28B.50 RCW to read as follows:

8 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
9 in this section apply throughout sections 14 through 18 of this
10 act.

11 (1) "Board" means the state board for community college
12 education.

13 (2) "Dislocated timber worker" means any individual who: (a)
14 Has been terminated or received a notice of termination from
15 employment in a timber-related industry assigned the major group
16 standard industrial classification code "24" by the employment
17 security department; and (b) at the time of last separation from
18 employment, resided in or was employed in a timber-dependent
19 community. For the purposes of this subsection, "standard
20 industrial classification code" means the code identified in RCW
21 50.29.025(6)(c).

22 (3) "Timber-dependent community" means a county or a city or
23 town located in a county meeting two of the following three
24 criteria for the most recent year such data is available: (a) A

1 lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or above
2 the state average; (b) a direct lumber and wood products job loss
3 of one hundred or more; or (c) an annual unemployment rate twenty
4 percent or more above the state average.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** A new section is added to chapter
6 28B.50 RCW to read as follows:

7 The state board for community college education shall
8 administer a program designed to provide higher education
9 opportunities to dislocated timber workers or their spouses. In
10 administering the program, the board shall have the following
11 powers and duties:

12 (1) Appoint an advisory committee to assist the board in
13 program design and funding distribution;

14 (2) Allocate funding to community colleges attended by
15 eligible dislocated timber workers;

16 (3) Monitor the program and report on students' progress and
17 outcome; and

18 (4) Report to the legislature by December 1, 1993, on the
19 status of the program.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** A new section is added to chapter
21 28B.50 RCW to read as follows:

22 In addition to the community college enrollment level funded
23 by the omnibus appropriations act for the biennium ending June 30,

1 1993, the community college system is authorized to serve two
2 hundred fifty full-time equivalent students in fiscal year 1992 and
3 five hundred full-time equivalent students in fiscal year 1993.
4 Under this program, the community colleges shall waive the tuition,
5 services, and activities fees for dislocated timber workers or
6 their spouses, enrolled as one of the full-time equivalent students
7 allocated under this section, who do not receive federal tuition
8 assistance for retraining, provided the dislocated timber worker
9 provides verification of the following conditions:

10 (1) The dislocated timber worker, during the five years before
11 enrolling as a student, was employed in the timber industry on a
12 full-time basis for at least six months each year; and

13 (2) The unemployment of the dislocated timber worker is due to
14 reduction in work force and not misconduct of the timber worker;
15 The dislocated timber workers or their spouses are eligible to
16 receive waivers for a total of six quarters within a two-year time
17 period and must be enrolled for a minimum of ten credits per
18 quarter.

19 Dislocated timber workers or their spouses shall receive
20 priority for the full-time equivalent student allocations
21 authorized under this section. Funding for any full-time
22 equivalent student enrollment allocations that are unused by June
23 30, 1993, shall lapse.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** A new section is added to chapter

1 28B.80 RCW to read as follows:

2 The higher education coordinating board shall administer a
3 program designed to provide upper division higher education
4 opportunities to dislocated timber workers, their spouses, and
5 others in timber-distressed counties. In administering the
6 program, the board shall have the following powers and duties:

7 (1) Distribute funding for an institution of higher education
8 to service Clallam county;

9 (2) Appoint an advisory committee to assist the board in
10 program design and future project selection;

11 (3) Monitor the program and report on student progress and
12 outcome; and

13 (4) Report to the legislature by December 1, 1993, on the
14 status of the program.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter
16 28B.80 RCW to read as follows:

17 In consultation with Peninsula College, the higher education
18 coordinating board shall contract with an institution of higher
19 education to provide upper division classes to serve fifty full-
20 time equivalent students per year in Clallam county. The
21 institution shall utilize telecommunication technology, if
22 available, to carry out the purposes of this section. The
23 institution providing the service shall waive the tuition, service,
24 and activities fees for dislocated timber workers or their spouses

1 enrolled as one of the full-time equivalent students allocated to
2 the college under this section, provided the dislocated timber
3 worker provides verification of the following conditions:

4 (1) The dislocated timber worker, during the five years before
5 enrolling as a student, was employed in the timber industry on a
6 full-time basis for at least six months of each year; and

7 (2) The unemployment of the dislocated timber worker is due to
8 reduction in work force and not misconduct of the timber worker;
9 The dislocated timber worker or his or her spouse is eligible to
10 receive waivers for a total of four semesters or six quarters
11 within a two-year time period and must be enrolled for a minimum of
12 ten credits per semester or quarter.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** A new section is added to chapter
14 28B.80 RCW to read as follows:

15 Dislocated timber workers and their spouses shall receive
16 priority for attendance in upper division courses allocated under
17 section 17 of this act, offered in Clallam county. Remaining
18 allocations may be distributed to others in the timber-dependent
19 community.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** (1) The legislature finds and declares
21 that:

22 (a) Families with children have been rendered homeless or are
23 in imminent danger of becoming homeless as a result of a sudden job

1 loss or other economic adversity;

2 (b) It is more economical and more socially desirable to
3 enable people to retain possession of their houses or apartments
4 and thereby avoid homelessness, than to house them in emergency
5 shelters or in other facilities intended for short-term occupancy;
6 and

7 (c) Economically distressed communities are faced with unique
8 problems that require a comprehensive approach of housing and
9 related support services.

10 (2) The legislature declares that a program designed to
11 provide short-term financial assistance to assist with mortgage or
12 rent payments and coordination of available support services is
13 needed to keep people from becoming homeless.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** A new section is added to chapter
15 43.63A RCW to read as follows:

16 (1) The department shall develop and administer a homelessness
17 prevention program for the purpose of providing grants and
18 technical assistance to eligible organizations to operate local
19 homelessness prevention and related support service programs. For
20 purposes of this section, "eligible organizations" are those
21 organizations eligible to receive assistance through the Washington
22 housing trust fund, chapter 43.185 RCW.

23 (2) The department shall select at least five eligible
24 organizations for purposes of implementing local homelessness

1 prevention programs. The local homelessness prevention programs
2 are designed to provide: (a) Interest-free loans of temporary
3 mortgage or rental assistance on behalf of families with children
4 in imminent danger of losing housing as a result of having
5 insufficient income to pay mortgage or rental costs; (b) interest-
6 free loans to make payments on machinery or equipment that is
7 essential to the household's livelihood; or (c) technical
8 assistance to eligible organizations to help recipient eligible
9 organizations develop and implement local strategies to prevent
10 homelessness. In selecting local programs under this section, the
11 department shall give priority consideration to timber-dependent
12 communities and shall consider:

13 (i) The eligible organization's ability, stability, and
14 resources to implement the local homelessness prevention program;

15 (ii) The eligible organization's efforts to coordinate other
16 support programs for the family, such as job search or job
17 retraining programs;

18 (iii) The level of timber unemployment experienced by the
19 jurisdiction; and

20 (iv) Other factors the department deems appropriate.

21 (3) The recipient eligible organization shall establish
22 priorities of eligibility for temporary mortgage or rental
23 assistance to assist families with children in retaining housing.
24 The recipient eligible organization shall make a determination of
25 eligibility regarding the family's eligibility to participate in

1 the local homelessness prevention program. A determination shall
2 include, but is not limited to:

3 (a) A determination that the family is subject to immediate
4 eviction for foreclosure of nonpayment of mortgage installments or
5 nonpayment of rent, when nonpayment is attributable to illness,
6 unemployment, underemployment, or any other failure of resources
7 beyond the person's control;

8 (b) A verification of the loss of income; and

9 (c) A determination that the family does not have the
10 financial resources to make the required mortgage installment or
11 rental payment, or installment payment on the equipment or
12 machinery which is essential to the family's livelihood.

13 (4) No family shall continue to receive temporary mortgage or
14 rental assistance under this section if alternative sources of
15 mortgage or rental assistance under federal, state, or local
16 sources becomes available.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** A new section is added to chapter
18 43.63A RCW to read as follows:

19 The department shall adopt rules to implement section 20 of
20 this act, including but not limited to:

21 (1) The maximum length of assistance available through section
22 20 of this act;

23 (2) The eligibility of and application process for eligible
24 organizations;

1 (3) The criteria by which grants and technical assistance
2 shall be provided to eligible organizations; and

3 (4) The criteria eligible organizations shall use when
4 entering into contracts with families to make mortgage or rental
5 assistance payments, or equipment or machinery payments on their
6 behalf.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** (1) For the period beginning
8 July 1, 1991 and ending June 30, 1993, in those areas designated by
9 the department of community development as timber impact areas, the
10 public works board may award low-interest or interest-free loans to
11 local governments for construction of new public works facilities
12 that stimulate economic growth or diversification.

13 (2) For the purposes of this act, "public facilities" means
14 bridge, road and street, domestic water, sanitary sewer, and storm
15 sewer systems.

16 (3) The loans may have a deferred payment of up to five years
17 but shall be repaid within twenty years. The board may require
18 other terms and conditions and may charge such rates of interest on
19 its loans as it deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this
20 section. Repayments shall be made to the public works assistance
21 account.

22 (4) The board may make such loans irrespective of the annual
23 loan cycle and reporting required in RCW 43.155.070.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** (1) As authorized by section 22 of
2 this act, the board shall establish criteria for awarding loans to
3 local governments including, but not limited to, the following:

4 (a) If a county or city, the local government must be imposing
5 the tax authorized by chapter 82.46 RCW at a rate of at least one-
6 quarter of one percent;

7 (b) The local government must have in place a capital
8 improvement plan meeting standards established by the board and an
9 economic development plan meeting standards established by the
10 department;

11 (c) The local economy must have experienced or be about to
12 experience employment losses due to the timber economy;

13 (d) The proposed project must provide an opportunity to create
14 or retain jobs within the local economy. Priority may be given to
15 those projects that provide an opportunity to retain or create jobs
16 for the pool of local workers affected by the timber economy;

17 (e) The local government must provide reasonable assurances of
18 its ability to repay the debt; and

19 (f) The local government must meet any additional guidelines
20 and criteria established by the board for awarding loan funds.

21 (2) Existing debt or other financial obligations of the local
22 government shall not be refinanced under this act.

23 (3) The board shall award loans only to those projects that
24 meet the criteria and will fulfill the purpose of this act. Any
25 funds not obligated at the close of the biennium shall be returned

1 to the public works assistance account.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** The public works board shall
3 provide to the office of financial management and the legislative
4 fiscal committees quarterly reports on loan applications under
5 consideration and loans awarded by the board and a report by
6 January 15, 1994, on the loans awarded through the biennium ending
7 June 30, 1993. The board shall provide to the legislative fiscal
8 committees a report on January 15, 1995, and January 15, 1996,
9 identifying by county the economic growth and/or economic
10 diversification attributable to the loan awards authorized by this
11 act.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** (a) The legislature finds that an
13 increase in unemployment due to the declining timber economy in the
14 state is imminent. The legislature further recognizes that
15 employment opportunities in state and local government in other
16 natural resource management professions exist and that dislocated
17 workers in the timber-related professions represent a potential
18 work force in the areas of fisheries, wildlife, and recreation.

19 (b) The legislature further recognizes that employment
20 opportunities in other natural resource management professions
21 exist and that natural resource enhancements in the areas of
22 fisheries, wildlife, and recreation can bring needed income to
23 distressed local economies in the state. It is the intent of the

1 legislature that dislocated timber workers be given training in and
2 opportunities to compete for employment in other resource
3 management professions, and to establish a pilot program in Skagit
4 county to accomplish this objective. The Skagit river represents
5 a potential recreational fishery that, if enhanced, will bring much
6 needed income to Skagit county. Enhancements to the fishery on the
7 Skagit river are planned over the next several years, and workers
8 will be needed to fill these positions. Displaced timber workers
9 will be available to do this work.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** Unless the context clearly requires
11 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
12 chapter.

13 (1) "Dislocated timber worker" means any individual who: (a)
14 Has been terminated or received a notice of termination from
15 employment in a timber-related industry assigned the major group
16 standard industrial classification code "24" by the employment
17 security department; and (b) at the time of last separation from
18 employment, resided in or was employed in a timber-dependent
19 community. For the purposes of this subsection, "standard
20 industrial classification code" means the code identified in RCW
21 50.29.025(6)(c).

22 (2) "Department" means the employment security department.

23 (3) "Project" means the natural resource worker project.

24 (4) "College" means Skagit Valley Community College.

1 (5) "Local development agency" means the economic development
2 association of Skagit county.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 27.** The department, subject to the
4 availability of funding under section 28 of this act or an
5 appropriation from the general fund, shall establish the natural
6 resource worker project. The project shall terminate on July 1,
7 1996, and shall provide employment and training opportunities for
8 dislocated timber workers in the areas of fisheries, wildlife,
9 recreation, and other natural resource professions. The department
10 of personnel shall approve the project. The goal of the project is
11 to allow project employees to be, upon termination of their
12 participation in the project, eligible for permanent employment
13 with the departments of wildlife, fisheries, ecology, and natural
14 resources, and the parks and recreation commission.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 28.** The department shall use federal funds
16 that it receives for dislocated timber workers to contract with the
17 departments of wildlife, fisheries, ecology, and natural resources,
18 and the parks and recreation commission to hire project
19 participants to conduct tasks in the areas of fisheries, wildlife,
20 forestry, ecology, and recreation.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 29.** The project shall include the following
22 elements:

1 (1) Recruitment of dislocated timber workers;

2 (2) Placement in the departments of wildlife, fisheries,
3 ecology, and natural resources, and the parks and recreation
4 commission;

5 (3) On-the-job training in entry-level natural resource
6 management skills;

7 (4) Comparable salaries and benefits to entry-level positions
8 already existing in the departments of wildlife, fisheries,
9 ecology, and natural resources, and the parks and recreation
10 commission.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 30.** The department, along with the
12 departments of personnel, wildlife, fisheries, ecology, and natural
13 resources, and the parks and recreation commission shall report
14 annually to the legislature on November 1 of each year beginning
15 November 1, 1992, and until November 1, 1995.

16 The report shall include, at a minimum, the following
17 elements:

18 (1) The number of project employees;

19 (2) The number and description of positions filled, by agency;

20 (3) Training received;

21 (4) Duration of employment; and

22 (5) Placement in permanent positions.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 31.** A pilot project shall be established,

1 coordinated jointly by the department and the college, in Skagit
2 county. The pilot project created in this section is subject to
3 the department and the college acquiring funds for the pilot
4 project from federal, state, or private sources. The project shall
5 be of five years duration.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 32.** The college shall develop a training
7 program designed for dislocated timber workers and their spouses,
8 and in doing so, shall:

9 (1) Consult with, at a minimum, the departments of natural
10 resources, ecology, wildlife, and fisheries, the parks and
11 recreation commission, and other state, federal, local, and private
12 employers in Skagit county to determine minimum employment
13 qualifications in the areas of natural resource management and
14 enhancement of the Skagit river; and

15 (2) Develop a program that will provide needed educational
16 skills to dislocated timber workers and their spouses.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** The department shall contract with the
18 local development agency to coordinate with the college and the
19 departments of wildlife, ecology, natural resources, and fisheries,
20 the parks and recreation commission, and other state, federal,
21 local, and private employers in assisting dislocated timber workers
22 and their spouses in securing education and employment in the
23 natural resource professions. The local development agency shall

1 also provide information on the training program established under
2 section 32 of this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 34.** The department and the college shall
4 jointly report to the legislature on their progress by November 1
5 of each year, beginning in 1991 and ending November 1, 1996. This
6 report shall include a college program description, numbers of
7 students, numbers of referrals for existing positions by the local
8 development agency, and numbers of positions filled by dislocated
9 timber workers.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** Sections 25 through 34 of this act
11 shall constitute a new chapter in Title 50 RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 36.** (1) Sections 13 through 18 of this act
13 shall expire July 1, 1995.

14 (2) Sections 22 and 23 of this act shall expire on June 30,
15 1993.

16 (3) Sections 25 through 30 of this act shall expire August 1,
17 1996.

18 (4) Sections 31 through 34 of this act shall expire January 1,
19 1997.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 37.** If by June 30, 1991, the omnibus
21 operating budget appropriations act for the 1991-93 biennium does

1 not provide specific funding for any of sections 13 through 19 of
2 this act, referencing those sections by bill number and section
3 number, any section not referenced is null and void."

4 Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal
5 references accordingly.

6 On page 16, line 11, after "**Sec. 16.**" strike "This act is" and
7 insert "Sections 1 through 12, 22, 23, and 25 through 34 are"

8 On page 16, line 14 of the striking amendment, after
9 "immediately" insert ", except for sections 22, 23, and 25 through
10 34, which shall take effect July 1, 1991."

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3 On page 16, line 20 of the title amendment, after
4 "43.160.080;" and insert "adding new sections to chapter 28B.50
5 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.80 RCW; adding new sections
6 to chapter 43.63A RCW;"

7 On page 16, line 22 of the title amendment, after "RCW;"
8 strike the remainder of the title amendment and insert "adding a
9 new chapter to Title 50 RCW; creating new section; providing
10 expiration dates; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Adds the following provisions to the bill:

(1) Tuition waivers. The State Board for Community College Education is allocated 250 additional full-time equivalent students in fiscal year 1992, and 500 full-time equivalent students in fiscal year 1993. Tuition, services and activity fees are waived for eligible dislocated timber workers and spouses.

(2) Mortgage/rental assistance. The Homelessness Prevention Program is created in the Department of Community Development. The department is directed to select at least five eligible organizations to implement the program. Assistance must be used to provide interest-free loans of temporary rental or mortgage assistance to families with children in immediate danger of losing their housing or technical assistance to develop and implement local strategies to prevent homelessness. Priority must be given to timber-dependent communities.

(3) Public works board. Through June 30, 1993, the Public Works Board is authorized to make loans to local governments in timber impact areas for construction of new public works facilities that stimulate economic development or growth. The loans can be low-interest or interest-free. The Department of Community Development shall designate timber impact areas. The Public Works Board must set criteria for awarding the loans to local governments and must provide quarterly updates to the Legislature.

(4) Dislocated worker employment and training projects. The Natural Resource Worker Project is established to provide jobs for dislocated timber workers. The project is administered by the Employment Security Department. The project is designed to establish training and employment opportunities for dislocated timber workers to obtain entry level jobs in the state departments of Ecology, Fisheries, Natural Resources, Wildlife, and the state Parks and Recreation Commission. The project is contingent upon the availability of federal funding, or an appropriation from the state general fund.

A five year pilot project is established to provide education and training for dislocated timber workers and their spouses. The project is coordinated jointly by the state Employment Security Department and Skagit Valley Community College. The project is contingent upon the acquisition of funds by the department and college.