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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1314

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By House Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Haugen, Spanel, Wilson, R. Johnson, Kremen, Braddock, H. Sommers, Morris, R. King, Sheldon, Hargrove, Belcher, Basich and Jacobsen).

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1 AN ACT Relating to a fish and wildlife work force; adding a new  
2 chapter to Title 50 RCW; providing an effective date; providing an  
3 expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that an increase  
6 in unemployment due to the declining timber economy in the state is  
7 imminent. The legislature further recognizes that employment  
8 opportunities in state and local government in other natural resource  
9 management professions exist and that dislocated workers in the timber-  
10 related professions represent a potential work force in the areas of  
11 fisheries, wildlife, and recreation.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires  
13 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
14 chapter.

1 (1) "Dislocated timber worker" means any individual who:

2 (a) Has been terminated or received a notice of termination from  
3 employment in a timber-related occupation within standard industrial  
4 code 024; and

5 (b) At the time of last separation from employment, resided in or  
6 was employed in a timber-dependent community.

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

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

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

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department shall use federal funds  
22 that it receives for dislocated timber workers to contract with the  
23 departments of wildlife, fisheries, ecology, and natural resources, and  
24 the parks and recreation commission to hire project participants to  
25 conduct tasks in the areas of fisheries, wildlife, forestry, ecology,  
26 and recreation.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**        The project shall include the following  
2 elements:

3        (1) Recruitment of dislocated timber workers;

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

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

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

11       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**        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 elements:

17       (1) The number of project employees;

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

19       (3) Training received;

20       (4) Duration of employment; and

21       (5) Placement in permanent positions.

22       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 7.**        Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall  
23 constitute a new chapter in Title 50 RCW.

24       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**        This act is necessary for the immediate  
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
26 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
27 effect July 15, 1991.

1      NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**            This act shall expire August 1, 1996.