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1 AN ACT Relating to the center for international trade in forest
2 products; and amending RCW 76.56.020, 43.131.333, and 43.131.334.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 76.56.020 and 1987 c 195 s 16 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The center shall:

7 (1) Coordinate the University of Washington's college of forest
8 resources' faculty and staff expertise to assist in:

9 (a) The development of research and analysis for developing
10 policies and strategies which will expand forest-based international
11 trade, including (~~trade in manufactured forest products~~) a major
12 focus on secondary manufacturing;

13 (b) The development of technology for manufactured products that
14 will meet the evolving needs of international customers; and

1 (c) The coordination, development, and dissemination of market and
2 technical information relevant to international trade in forest
3 products, especially secondary manufacturing;

4 (2) Further develop and maintain ((a)) computer ((based)) data
5 bases on world-wide forest products production and trade ((data-base
6 system)) in order to monitor and report on trends significant to the
7 Northwest forest products industry and support the center's research
8 functions; and coordinate this system with state, federal, and private
9 sector efforts to insure a cost-effective information resource that
10 will avoid unnecessary duplication;

11 (3) Monitor international forest products markets and assess the
12 status of the state's forest products industry, including the
13 competitiveness of small and medium-sized secondary manufacturing firms
14 in the forest products industry, which for the purposes of this chapter
15 shall be firms with annual revenues of twenty-five million or less, and
16 including the increased exports of Washington-produced products of
17 small and medium-sized secondary manufacturing firms;

18 (4) Provide high-quality research and graduate education and
19 professional nondegree training in international trade in forest
20 products in cooperation with the University of Washington's graduate
21 school of business administration, the school of law, the Jackson
22 school of international studies, the Northwest policy center of the
23 graduate school of public administration, and other supporting academic
24 units;

25 (5) Develop cooperative linkages with the international marketing
26 program for agricultural commodities and trade at Washington State
27 University, the international trade project of the United States forest
28 service, the department of natural resources, the department of trade
29 and economic development, the small business export finance assistance

1 center, and other state and federal agencies to avoid duplication of
2 effort and programs;

3 (6) Provide for public dissemination of research, analysis, and
4 results of the center's programs through technical workshops, short
5 courses, international and national symposia, or other means, including
6 appropriate publications; ~~((and))~~

7 (7) Establish an executive policy board, including representatives
8 of small and medium-sized businesses, to provide advice on: Overall
9 policy direction and program priorities, state and federal budget
10 requests, securing additional research funds, identifying priority
11 areas of focus for research efforts, selection of projects for
12 research, and dissemination of results of research efforts; and

13 (8) Establish advisory or technical committees ((as necessary)) for
14 each research program area, to ((develop policies, operating
15 procedures, and)) advise on research program area priorities,
16 consistent with the international trade opportunities achievable by the
17 forest products sector of the state and region, to help ensure projects
18 are relevant to industry needs, and to advise on and support effective
19 dissemination of research results. Each advisory or technical
20 committee shall include representatives of forest products industries
21 that might benefit from this research.

22 Service on the committees and the executive policy board
23 established in subsections (7) and (8) of this section shall be without
24 compensation but actual travel expenses incurred in connection with
25 service to the center may be reimbursed from appropriated funds in
26 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

27 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.131.333 and 1988 c 288 s 15 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

1 The center for international trade in forest products in the
2 college of forest resources at the University of Washington shall be
3 terminated on June 30, (~~1992~~) 1996, as provided in RCW 43.131.334.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.131.334 and 1988 c 288 s 16 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Sections 1 through 5, chapter 122, Laws of 1985 and chapter 76.56
7 RCW, as now existing or as hereafter amended, are each repealed,
8 effective June 30, (~~1993~~) 1997.