

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1751

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, MARCH 29, 1993

Brief Description: Modifying compensation of forest practices board members.

SPONSORS: Representatives Anderson and Reams

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Owen, Chairman; Hargrove, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Franklin, Haugen, Oke, Snyder, and Spanel.

Staff: Vic Moon (786-7469)

Hearing Dates: March 29, 1993

BACKGROUND:

The Forest Practices Board is responsible for promulgating regulations relating to logging, reforestation, and other forest practices. The board consists of: the Commissioner of Public Lands; the Directors of the Departments of Trade and Economic Development, Agriculture, and Ecology; an elected member of a county legislative authority; and six members of the general public. Members serve four year terms.

Forest Practice Board members who are neither public employees nor elected officials are compensated for their services. Currently, the Forest Practices Board is classified as a Class Three compensation group. The rate of compensation in Class Three for each day that a member attends an official meeting of the board or performs statutorily prescribed duties approved by the chair of the board is not more than \$50 per day.

Class Four groups are compensated at a rate of not more than \$100 per day that services are rendered. Class Four groups are characterized by having duties that are deemed by the Legislature as having overriding sensitivity and importance and by requiring service from its members that is normally in excess of 100 hours of meeting time per year.

SUMMARY:

The Forest Practices Board is reclassified for compensation purposes from a Class Three to Class Four group. The rate of

compensation is raised from not more than \$50 per day to not more than \$100 per day.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR: None

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: No one