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By Representatives Morton, Sheahan, Edmondson, Casada, Schoesler, Fuhrman and Chandler

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1 AN ACT Relating to commercial logging transportation; adding new  
2 sections to chapter 81.04 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the cost of  
5 providing safe, reliable commercial logging transportation based in  
6 Washington state creates an economic incentive for the use of lower  
7 cost, less safe, and less reliable transportation, that is not based in  
8 Washington state.

9 The purpose of this act is to provide a fair, cost-effective  
10 regulatory environment that will provide for public safety and reliable  
11 commercial logging transportation in a manner that neither favors nor  
12 detracts from the ability of Washington-based commercial transports to  
13 compete for business.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 81.04 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 The department of labor and industries shall require that all  
17 commercial logging transportation companies operating in Washington  
18 state provide workers compensation coverage that is at least equal to

1 the coverage required of Washington state-based companies and that the  
2 cost per hour of operation in Washington state for the coverage shall  
3 be at least equal to the cost per hour born by a Washington state-based  
4 commercial logging transportation company. The department of labor and  
5 industries may assess fees against out-of-state commercial logging  
6 transportation company operators if necessary, to ensure that the cost  
7 per hour of operation is not less for out-of-state firms.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 81.04 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10 The utilities and transportation commission shall require that all  
11 commercial logging transportation companies operating in Washington  
12 state be subject to the same regulatory restrictions. The commission  
13 may assess fees against commercial logging transportation companies  
14 based outside of Washington state if necessary, to ensure that the  
15 cost per mile of operation is not less for commercial logging  
16 transportation companies based out-of-state.

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