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3 By Representatives Thompson, Buck and others

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5 On page 1, after line 3, strike all of sections 1 and 2 and insert
6 the following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that an extremely
8 serious forest health situation exists in the Loomis state forest.
9 Thousands of acres of school trust lands are infested or are at risk of
10 infestation by mountain pine beetle. This major infestation, combined
11 with the presence of other insect and disease problems, clearly
12 indicates the need for implementation of a decisive plan to address the
13 health and productivity of the Loomis state forest.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The legislature directs the department
15 of natural resources to adopt and to immediately begin to implement a
16 long-range management plan for the Loomis state forest that will result
17 in a much healthier and more productive forest. The legislature
18 further directs the department to act in the immediate future to
19 recover as much value as operationally and economically feasible from
20 timber at-risk or killed by mountain pine beetle. In designing and
21 implementing this long-range management plan and when recovering the
22 value from this dead and at-risk timber, the department shall comply
23 with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and shall
24 conduct itself in a manner consistent with its obligations only to the
25 trust beneficiaries.

26 (2) The legislature declares its intent to remain actively involved
27 in the oversight of the department's efforts to address the forest
28 health problems in the Loomis state forest. The department shall
29 carefully monitor the impacts to the forest of implementation of the
30 long-range management plan and shall report on the condition of the
31 forest at least annually for the next five years to the house of
32 representatives and senate committees on natural resources."

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4 On page 2, line 3, after "purposes of" insert "section 2 of"

5 On page 2, line 11, after "purposes of" insert "section 2 of"

6 On page 2, line 16, after "**Sec. 4.**" strike all material through
7 "immediately." on line 19, and insert "Sections 2 and 3 of this act are
8 each added to chapter 76.06 RCW."

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12 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "forest;" strike the
13 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter 76.06
14 RCW; and creating a new section."

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