

1 **2SSB 5574** - H AMD **686 ADOPTED 4/7/95**

2 By Representatives Fuhrman and Buck

3 On page 1, after line 3, strike all of Section 1 and insert  
4 the following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in the  
6 early 1900's and up through the 1930's, counties took possession of  
7 a number of forest land parcels as a result of tax delinquencies.  
8 In many cases, the timber had already been harvested from these  
9 lands prior to the forfeiture of the property to the counties.  
10 Since that time, the department of natural resources has reforested  
11 and managed these lands in conjunction with state trust lands.  
12 Given changes in forest practices, fluctuation in income from the  
13 forest board lands, and questions about forest board land  
14 management by the department of natural resources, the legislature  
15 finds that a legislative study of forest board lands is  
16 appropriate.

17 There is created a joint select committee on county forest  
18 board lands. The committee shall be comprised of eight members of  
19 the legislature, who shall be appointed to the committee as  
20 follows: the president of the senate shall appoint two members,  
21 one from each caucus, to represent the senate natural resources  
22 committee, and two members, one from each caucus, to represent the  
23 senate ways and means committee; the speaker of the house of  
24 representatives shall appoint two members, one from each caucus, to  
25 represent the house natural resources committee, and two members,  
26 one from each caucus, to represent the house capital budget  
27 committee. In conducting this study, the committee shall seek  
28 input from the department of natural resources, counties with  
29 forest board transfer lands, and Grays Harbor county, which manages  
30 its own county forest lands. Staff support for the committee shall

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1 be provided by senate committee services and the house office of  
2 program research."

**EFFECT:** Creates a joint select committee to study county forest board lands rather than directing the Legislative Budget Committee to conduct the study.