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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 76.09 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 Forest practices consistent with a habitat conservation plan
10 approved prior to the effective date of this act, by the secretary of
11 the interior or commerce under 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq., and the
12 endangered species act of 1973 as amended, are exempt from rules and
13 policies under this chapter, provided the proposed forest practices
14 indicated in the application are in compliance with the plan, and
15 provided this exemption applies only to rules and policies adopted
16 primarily for the protection of one or more species, including unlisted
17 species, covered by the plan. Such forest practices are deemed not to
18 have the potential for a substantial impact on the environment but may
19 be found to have the potential for a substantial impact on the
20 environment due to other reasons under RCW 76.09.050.

21 Nothing in this section is intended to limit the board's rule-
22 making authority under this chapter.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
25 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
26 effect immediately."

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1 On page 1, beginning on line 1 of the title, after "plans;" strike
2 the remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
3 76.09 RCW; and declaring an emergency."

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