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3 By Committee on Natural Resources

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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 76.12 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The legislature finds that the state's community and technical
10 colleges need a dedicated source of revenue to augment other sources of
11 capital improvement funding. The intent of this section is to ensure
12 that the forest land purchased under section 310, chapter 16, Laws of
13 1990 1st ex. sess. and known as the community and technical college
14 forest reserve land base, is managed in perpetuity and in the same
15 manner as state forest lands for sustainable commercial forestry and
16 multiple use of lands consistent with RCW 79.68.050. These state lands
17 will also be managed to provide an outdoor education and experience
18 area for organized groups. The lands will provide a source of revenue
19 for the long term capital improvement needs of the state community and
20 technical college system.

21 (2) There has been increasing pressure to convert forest lands
22 within areas of the state subject to population growth. Loss of forest
23 land in urbanizing areas reduces the production of forest products and
24 the available supply of open space, watershed protection, habitat, and
25 recreational opportunities. The land known as the community and
26 technical college forest reserve land base is forever reserved from
27 sale. However, the timber and other products on the land may be sold,
28 or the land may be leased in the same manner and for the same purposes
29 as authorized for state granted lands if the department finds the sale
30 or lease to be in the best interest of this forest reserve land base
31 and approves the terms and conditions of the sale or lease.

32 (3) The land exchange and acquisition powers provided in RCW
33 76.12.050 may be used by the department to reposition land within the
34 community and technical college forest reserve land base consistent
35 with subsection (1) of this section.

1 (4) Up to twenty-five percent of the revenue from these lands, as
2 determined by the board of natural resources, will be deposited in the
3 forest development account to reimburse the forest development account
4 for expenditures from the account for management of these lands.

5 (5) The community college forest reserve account, created under
6 section 310, chapter 16, Laws of 1990 1st ex. sess., is renamed the
7 community and technical college forest reserve account. The remainder
8 of the revenue from these lands must be deposited in the community and
9 technical college forest reserve account. Money in the account may be
10 appropriated by the legislature for the capital improvement needs of
11 the state community and technical college system or to acquire
12 additional forest reserve lands."

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16 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "lands;" strike the remainder
17 of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter 76.12
18 RCW."

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