
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6340

State of Washington

54th Legislature

1996 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Drew)

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1 AN ACT Relating to state forest land that lies above a sole source
2 aquifer; adding a new section to chapter 79.08 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79.08 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 State agencies managing land must maintain continuing forestry on
8 forest lands on islands when those lands are above a sole source
9 aquifer. This management will maintain water purity and the
10 availability of water for public and private domestic and commercial
11 use. State-owned lands must not be converted to a higher use when the
12 conversion would have a potential negative impact on a single source
13 aquifer.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The house of representatives and senate
15 natural resources committees shall review existing state policies and
16 local planning relating to impediments to maintaining forestry,

- 1 grazing, and agriculture in urban and rural areas and prepare
- 2 legislation if needed for the 1997 legislature.

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