CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1022

55th Legislature 1997 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 19, 1997 CERTIFICATE Yeas 60 Nays 29 I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is SUBSTITUTE HOUSE Speaker of the BILL 1022 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the House of Representatives dates hereon set forth. Passed by the Senate April 16, 1997 Yeas 34 Nays 14 President of the Senate Chief Clerk Approved FILED

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By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Buck, Johnson, Mitchell, McMorris, Talcott, Hickel, Chandler, Mastin, Lambert, Sheldon, Schoesler, Hatfield, Kessler, Mulliken, Honeyford, Thompson, Koster, DeBolt, D. Sommers, Carrell, L. Thomas, Dunn, Mielke, Clements, O'Brien and Doumit)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the department of natural resources; creating
- 2 new sections; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. It is the intent of this legislation to
- 5 establish necessary oversight by the legislature and the governor
 - regarding long-range commitments made by the department of natural
- 7 resources in its management of state trust lands, particularly
- 8 commitments made with the federal government pursuant to the federal
- 9 endangered species act. It is important to reserve the legislature's
- 10 authority as ultimate trustee to set overall policy for the management
- 11 of the lands of the state and to maintain a watchful eye on the
- 12 decisions of the department affecting our trust lands.
- 13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** The legislature shall exercise its
- 14 appropriate authority as trustee over state trust lands by reviewing
- 15 the existing habitat conservation plan for state forest lands. The
- 16 legislature shall make its own determination as to whether the plan and
- 17 the accompanying implementation agreement are in compliance with the
- 18 state's fiduciary responsibilities and are, in fact, in the best

- 1 interests of the trust beneficiaries. If the legislature finds that
- 2 the habitat conservation plan and implementation agreement are in the
- 3 best interests of the trust beneficiaries, the legislature shall so
- 4 state either through legislation, joint memorial, or resolution. If
- 5 the legislature has not made such a statement by March 15, 1998, the
- 6 department of natural resources shall immediately exercise the
- 7 provision in the habitat conservation plan implementation agreement
- 8 terminating that agreement and plan. The department of natural
- 9 resources shall notify the legislature immediately that it has taken
- 10 this required action.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
- 13 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
- 14 immediately.

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