

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1945**

55th Legislature  
1997 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 11, 1997  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 8, 1997  
Yeas 43 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1945** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Dunn and Boldt

Read first time 02/14/97. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1            AN ACT Relating to county expenditures of revenues generated by  
2 forest board lands; and amending RCW 76.12.030.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 76.12.030 and 1991 c 363 s 151 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            If any land acquired by a county through foreclosure of tax liens,  
7 or otherwise, comes within the classification of land described in RCW  
8 76.12.020 and can be used as state forest land and if the department  
9 deems such land necessary for the purposes of this chapter, the county  
10 shall, upon demand by the department, deed such land to the department  
11 and the land shall become a part of the state forest lands.

12            Such land shall be held in trust and administered and protected by  
13 the department as other state forest lands. Any moneys derived from  
14 the lease of such land or from the sale of forest products, oils,  
15 gases, coal, minerals, or fossils therefrom, shall be distributed as  
16 follows:

17            (1) The expense incurred by the state for administration,  
18 reforestation, and protection, not to exceed twenty-five percent, which  
19 rate of percentage shall be determined by the board of natural

1 resources, shall be returned to the forest development account in the  
2 state general fund.

3 (2) Any balance remaining shall be paid to the county in which the  
4 land is located to be paid, distributed, and prorated, except as  
5 hereinafter provided, to the various funds in the same manner as  
6 general taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment:  
7 PROVIDED, That any such balance remaining paid to a county with a  
8 population of less than ((~~nine~~)) sixteen thousand shall first be  
9 applied to the reduction of any indebtedness existing in the current  
10 expense fund of such county during the year of payment.

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