

1630-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives DeBolt, Sheldon, Alexander, Pennington, Mielke, Thompson, McMorris and Dunn)

Brief Title: Allowing counties to have certain lands transferred from the state back to the county.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a county legislative authority may file an application with the board of natural resources for the transfer of forest lands that were acquired from the county by the state pursuant to RCW 76.12.030 and that are under the administration of the department of natural resources.

Provides that, upon the filing of an application by the county legislative authority, the board of natural resources shall direct the department of natural resources to reconvey the forest lands to the requesting county.

Provides that, once land has been reconveyed to a county, it must be kept in commercial forest status, and may not be sold.

Requires the lands to be managed to maximize the financial benefit to the trust beneficiaries in the respective counties.