
SENATE BILL 5429

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1 AN ACT Relating to procedural requirements in the transfer of state
2 trust land; adding new sections to chapter 79.08 RCW; and creating new
3 sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Prior to transferring six thousand four
6 hundred acres or more of state trust land to any status apart from the
7 trust, the department of natural resources shall:

8 (1) Make a full appraisal of land values, timber values, or any
9 other values;

10 (2) Contact all adjacent landowners to inform them of the proposed
11 transfer;

12 (3) Prepare a local economic and social impact statement at the
13 expense of the entity that would receive the land;

14 (4) Develop an assessment of long-term community impacts;

15 (5) Work with existing land users and lessees to encourage
16 historical uses of the land; and

17 (6) Develop requirements for the new entity managing the land for
18 the control of noxious weeds and invasive nonindigenous species.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Prior to transferring state trust land to
2 any status apart from the trust, the board of natural resources shall:
3 (1) Hold at least two public hearings in the area of the lands
4 being traded and in the area of the lands being acquired;
5 (2) Publicize the trade with legal notices and with advertisements
6 in local papers; and
7 (3) Provide supporting data with a recommendation to the
8 legislature.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If the transfer of state trust land involves
10 forest lands, the forest practices board shall, prior to the transfer
11 of the state trust land:
12 (1) Review past forest practices on the lands to be transferred and
13 prepare a recommendation on future timber management options; and
14 (2) Prepare special forest practice rules for the lands, if needed,
15 to carry out the intended uses of the future landowners.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Prior to the transfer of state trust land,
17 the legislature shall:
18 (1) Review the land transfers recommended by the board of natural
19 resources;
20 (2) Review funding for the transfer and economic and social
21 impacts; and
22 (3) Approve or disapprove the final proposal by concurrent
23 resolution.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** All costs of the transfer of state trust
25 land, and the implementation of this act, shall be paid by the entity
26 receiving the land.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The board of natural resources must develop
28 criteria to be considered when lands are proposed for transfer and
29 submit them to the legislature by January 1, 2000.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The board of natural resources must develop
31 funding mechanisms to offset economic impacts to local governments and
32 local communities and submit its results to the legislature by January
33 1, 2000.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act are each
2 added to chapter 79.08 RCW.

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