

2895-S

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Brief Description: Creating a program for employing affected natural resource workers in habitat restoration and enhancement.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the watershed restoration and jobs program task force within the department of natural resources.

Requires the task force to evaluate and recommend proposals for funding watershed restoration and conservation projects that employ affected natural resource workers.

Directs the employment security department to refer eligible affected natural resource workers to employers hiring under the watershed restoration and jobs program. Recipients of funds must consider the list of workers developed by the employment security department before conducting interviews or making hiring decisions for workers entering the program.

Provides that on or before January 1, 2002, the department of natural resources shall prepare a report to the legislature evaluating the implementation of this act.

Makes an appropriation of three million three hundred thirty thousand dollars for the biennium ending June 30, 2001, from the salmon recovery account to the department of natural resources for the purposes of this act.

Repeals provisions of chapter 43.21J RCW.