
HOUSE BILL 2870

State of Washington

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By Representative Orcutt

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to laws from other states acting as a barrier to
2 timber supply; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of natural resources must
5 review the laws of other western states within the United States that
6 preclude or limit the ability of Washington wood processors to purchase
7 timber from those states for processing in Washington. The department
8 will meet and discuss with representatives of in-state wood processors
9 and labor to assess the impact these laws may have on Washington mills
10 and jobs. The department will submit a report to the appropriate
11 legislative committees by December 1, 2002, that includes:

12 (1) Any data regarding the number of bids that have been rejected
13 by Washington mills by those states because of the exclusionary laws;

14 (2) An estimate of the number of mills that would bid on timber
15 from those states;

16 (3) An estimate of any expansions that might occur, or layoffs that
17 may be prevented, for mills in Washington if those companies could bid
18 on the timber from those states;

1 (4) An estimate of the additional tax revenues that would derive to
2 Washington state and its counties if mills in Washington could bid on
3 that timber; and

4 (5) Any recommendations regarding how these barriers to interstate
5 commerce may be removed, including the creation of interstate compacts,
6 the adoption of reciprocal language in Washington that applies only to
7 those states that have erected and maintained such barriers, and the
8 filing of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of those state
9 barriers.

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