
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4410

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By Representatives Sump, Doumit, Sehlin, H. Sommers, Mulliken, Linville, Armstrong, Murray, Alexander and Hatfield

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1 WHEREAS, Congress enacted the forest resources conservation and
2 shortage relief act in 1990 to prevent the sale of unprocessed logs
3 from federal lands that prohibits the "substitution" of timber, which
4 is the continued export of private timber by a company that also buys
5 timber from federal lands for domestic processing; and

6 WHEREAS, When congress enacted this legislation, it granted the
7 state and its political subdivisions the authority to prohibit
8 substitution of state timber for private timber that is exported; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1991, the state adopted chapter 240-15 WAC to implement
10 the federal ban on the export of restricted unprocessed timber that
11 prohibits firms that export unprocessed logs from bidding on state
12 timber; and

13 WHEREAS, Some concerns have been raised that these rules may
14 contribute to the lack of bidders on state and local government timber
15 sales;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
17 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint select
18 legislative task force, assisted by an advisory committee, be
19 established to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the state
20 exercise of authority under the forest resources conservation and
21 shortage relief act, and to identify and evaluate factors that

1 contribute to the amount of competition for state and local government
2 timber sales; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select legislative task
4 force be composed of the chair and ranking minority member of the
5 senate natural resources, parks and shorelines committee; the cochairs
6 of the house of representatives natural resources committee; the chair
7 and ranking minority member of the senate ways and means committee; and
8 the cochairs of the house of representatives appropriations committee;
9 and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force gather information
11 regarding changes in the forest products industry in Washington state
12 since the rules were adopted; the current market for state and local
13 timber; factors that contribute to the sale of, and competition for,
14 state and local government timber, including but not limited to
15 appraisal practices and the processes used by state and local
16 governments for offering timber sales; and other factors that the task
17 force considers appropriate; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force may recommend which
19 agency or official of state government should have the authority to
20 review and amend the substitution of timber rules contained in chapter
21 240-15 WAC; any changes to such rules; changes to state and local
22 government timber appraisal and bidding practices; and related
23 legislation that the legislature should consider during the 2002
24 session; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an advisory committee be established
26 to provide assistance upon request of the joint select legislative task
27 force; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee shall be
29 composed of the following members or their designees: The commissioner
30 of public lands; the superintendent of public instruction; the
31 president of Washington State University; the president of the
32 University of Washington; a representative of a county, selected by the
33 Washington association of counties; the director of the office of
34 financial management; the director of the department of revenue; a
35 representative of companies that purchase timber sales under current
36 rules from the department of natural resources, selected by
37 representatives of those companies; a representative of companies that
38 operate forest product manufacturing facilities in this state that are
39 currently ineligible under current rules to purchase department of

1 natural resources timber sales, selected by representatives of those
2 companies; and a representative of a labor union representing workers
3 in forest product manufacturing facilities in this state under a
4 collective bargaining agreement, chosen by the state labor council; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee shall select a
6 chair or cochairs from among its members for the purpose of conducting
7 meetings and transmitting information from the advisory committee as a
8 group to the joint select legislative task force; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in developing its recommendations, the
10 joint select legislative task force shall consult with the advisory
11 committee; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff support for the joint select
13 legislative task force and the advisory committee shall be provided by
14 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
15 program research; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall report its
17 findings and recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees
18 by January 1, 2002.

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